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Saturday night's all right for Elton as star to perform

MUSIC LEGEND IS SET FOR BANKS'S

Report by Craig Hughes

THOUSANDS of gig goers will flock to Walsall as music icon Elton John performs in the town this weekend.

The international star will be holding his first concert in the borough at the Banks's Stadium on Saturday night in what has been hailed as a 'coup.'

An army of up to 14,000 fans are expected to watch the star of hits such as Rocket Man and Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me.

Extra trains have been put on for the concert to cope with the public demand while a regular bus service is provided by the number 45 which runs between Walsall and West Bromwich. There is also a 401E service.

After the show trains from Bescot station towards Birmingham will run at 10.43pm, 11.13pm and 11.43pm and to Walsall at 11pm and 11.41pm.

Gig goers are being encouraged to use public transport where possible due to limited car parking space around the ground.

Only around 850 parking bays are available with some of the Banks's Stadium site needed for concert infrastructure and corporate use.

Walsall FC has secured the use of nearby sites to help cope with the expected number of vehicles.

Around 95 car parking areas will be provided at nearby Bartholomew and another 200 at the Joseph Leckie car park at a cost of £5.

There are around 430 next to the stadium, which will cost £10, and can be booked in advance by calling 01922 651416.

Warned

A further 122 spaces will be made available for gig-goers at the Bescot Stadium station, at a cost of £5 a space.

Motorists have warned that Bescot Crescent from the entrance to Bescot Retail Park to the junction at Brockhurst Crescent will be closed from 6pm on the day of the show.

It marks a return to the West Midlands for the singer who once put on a concert at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall in 1970s.

Officials have already spoken of their delight at getting such a big name in the music industry to the town.

Chief Executive of Walsall FC Stefan Gamble said: "We are delighted to have been chosen as a venue for Elton John's European Tour."

"This will be our first outdoor concert in over 20 years and will not only be a huge boost for the club, but a momentous day for the town of Walsall and the wider borough as a whole."

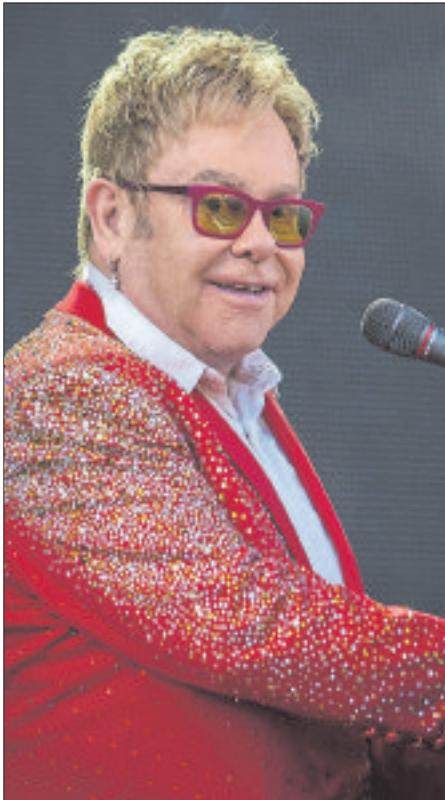
"Elton is an international artist of the highest calibre and it is a great honour to be able to play our part."

Palfrey councillor Mohammed Nazir said it was a coup for the borough. He added he was confident the area would be able to cope with the large crowds.

"It is a good thing for the borough Elton John is coming and performing," he said.

"In terms of managing the traffic situation and the parking I would like to think the stadium can do their level best to ensure there is not a nuisance to the local people. I think people do travel by public transport."

In a statement Walsall FC said: "We have also worked with



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Man who groomed teen girl for sex jailed

A MAN who groomed a teenage girl by buying her gifts and taking her to the seaside has been jailed for four and a half years.

Nigel Blackshaw, aged 53, formerly of Howles Lane, Brownhills, 'took advantage' of the 14-year-old to have sex with her dozens of times, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Blackshaw admitted five charges of sexual activity with a child. He was placed on the sex offenders list for life and was banned from working with children.

EDUCATION

School closure is raised by MP

THE plight of a Walsall school was being raised by an MP this week ahead of its closure.

Walsall North Labour MP David Winnick was raising the issue of the Black Country University Technical College in a House Commons adjournment debate on Tuesday.

He was challenging education ministers on the decision to shut the school in Vernon Way, Bloxwich. "Such colleges are continuing to be encouraged by the Government," he said.

ACCIDENT

Three are hurt as car and van collide

THREE people were hurt in a rush-hour crash in Bloxwich, causing long delays. It involved a van and a car on the A34 at the junction with Samuel Street.

Emergency services were called to the scene opposite the St Giles Hospice store just after 8.45am on Tuesday.

Ford Escort occupants, a man and a woman in their 60s, were taken to Walsall Manor Hospital. The male driver of the South Staffordshire Water van also went to hospital with a suspected spine injury.

Many buses, including the 301 and 302 services, were stuck in High Street until the road was re-opened at 10.15am.

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Dr Abdullahi Numan

A DOCTOR will attempt to climb the world's highest free-standing mountain to raise money for charity.

Dr Abdullahi Numan, who works at Walsall Manor Hospital, will be scaling Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for maternal health in poverty-stricken countries.

He is taking part in The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) challenge in January to support its global health work.

The money raised would go to the RCOG so it can send voluntary obstetricians and gynaecologists to train health

workers in those countries in need, and improve the lives of women and their children.

More than 350,000 women die annually from complications during pregnancy or childbirth and 99 per cent of them are in developing countries.

The areas that are currently in the most need are Africa, South Asia and Eastern Europe.

Dr Numan, himself, is a gynaecologist, has experienced first-hand the effects that maternal deaths can have, and after seeing the effect it had to people close to him, he felt he should make a difference.

The 35-year-old said: "A close family friend of mine lost his mother during childbirth and I saw the effect it had on them – the family disintegrated."

"That experience had a long-lasting effect on me and made me want to make a difference and help prevent so many women from dying needlessly."

The challenge, run by World Expeditions, will last from January 22 to 31.

Climbers will arrive at the mountain's summit – at an altitude of 5,896m above sea level – on the seventh day. To make a donation visit www.mydonate.bt.com and search Ahmed Numan.

Waste plant work to finally get under way

WORK on a new multi-million pound waste and energy plant in Walsall, which will create 300 jobs, is poised to finally start next year.

Plans for the BH Energy Gap plant, which would treat 300,000 tonnes of rubbish every year, were approved two years ago.

Work is due to get under way at the site off Fryers Road near Bloxwich with the plant becoming operational within three years. Fifty permanent posts will be created when the eight acre site near Beechdale is open. Some 250 positions will be created while it is being built.

The development will see up to 300,000 tons of waste taken to the proposed processing centre every year, before being sorted and some of it turned into 'green energy'.

A statement on behalf of the company said: "BH EnergyGap with its contractors is now progressing the detailed design of what will truly be a state-of-the-art facility.

Materials

"There is no change to the proposed use of the site, nor the type of materials to be treated, nor the number of traffic movements to and from the site.

"These were approved in the 2013 planning permission. The new application is restricted to seeking permission in relation to modifications to the design and layout.

"The plan is for construction to commence in 2016."

A string of public consultations were held for residents in Birches-Leamore ward, prompting a mixed reaction.

Concerns were raised regarding emissions and traffic generation from the site, and 11 letters of objection from residents and businesses were received.

Operations will be in a main process building which will include a tipping hall, waste processing hall, furnaces, boiler area, flue gas treatment area and turbine hall. Waste would be collected by companies and delivered to the site where it would be weighed and delivered to a tipping hall.

An 11,166 sq ft main building is planned for the site, which includes offices, a reception, meeting, conference and a total of 26 car parking spaces would also be created.

No room at the council house



Ex-mayor Pete Smith using a fold up chair and table as he has been offered no room in Walsall Council House

A COUNCILLOR has taken the unusual move of setting up his office outside a town hall after claiming to have been given no room for an office.

Democratic Labour councillor Pete Smith armed himself with a table and chair outside Walsall town hall in protest at the situation.

Councillor Smith said the main political parties were allocated a room in the Council House to meet and discuss matters.

Meanwhile, the likes of himself and the independent councillors, Chris and Paul Bott, do not enjoy such facilities.

He has called on new council

leader Mike Bird to ensure space is provided to end what he has described as 'discriminatory'.

Councillor Bird said he had spoken to the Chief Executive Paul Sheehan and they are looking to accommodate the request.

Councillor Smith said: "I am highlighting the fact that, with regard to those councillors who do not belong to a political group on the council, there is no room at the inn."

"From the Mayor's Parlour to the car park, it seems, as there is no room available to myself and indeed the other two councillors who do not belong to a party political

group, even though we are democratically elected councillors."

"Fifty seven out of 60 councillors have a room for them to meet, socialise, discuss council matters, spend time there before committee meetings, have private meetings where necessary."

"This is discriminatory and there should be a room available for all councillors."

Council leader Bird said: "I have spoken to the chief executive in relation to the fact he hasn't got a room and I think that is wrong. We are looking at ways we can accommodate him and the independents."

Booze taken from store to pay for flat deposit

A SHOPLIFTER bagged more than £300 worth of booze from a supermarket without paying because he was trying to save for a deposit for a flat, a court heard.

Aaron Humpage has been spared a return to jail after he stole 12 bottles of spirits from Asda in Darlaston on May 7 in a bid to sell them on and make his down-payment.

The 23-year-old, of Temple Street, Wolverhampton, who was only released from prison in December following a previous conviction, sneaked into the clothing area of the shop and put tin foil around the booze to try to beat the store sensors. But the shoplifter was caught on CCTV by Asda's security guards.

The alcohol, worth £324 in total, was recovered and included four bottles of Southern Comfort and eight bottles of Jack Daniel's whiskey.

Humpage told Walsall magistrates: "The reason I did this offence was to get a deposit for a flat."

"I have been in employment for two months and I have got the house I wanted. I needed to get stable. I have got a job and I get £200 a week and that's what I needed."

He pleaded guilty to theft as well as possessing Subutex – a controlled Class C drug.

Humpage was sentenced to a 12-week jail-term, suspended for 12 months, and ordered to carry out a six-month drug rehabilitation programme. He also has to pay an £80 victim surcharge as well as cover £85 in court costs.

Outgoing mayor raises £23,000

A CHARITY appeal organised by Walsall's outgoing mayor has raised more than £23,000 for good causes.

Councillor Pete Smith said money was still coming in, but the appeal for 2014-15 had so far hit the £23,500 mark.

Among the events were concert at the town hall was hosted by Noddy Holder that raised more than £6,500.

Councillor Smith, who represents Blakenall ward, was supported by mayoralty, his niece Laura Barnes.

He said: "Thank you to the thousands who are raising funds for good causes, to voluntary groups, schools, colleges, universities, youth groups, local businesses and all those organisations that have provided opportunities for the mayor and mayoress to see the good work that they are undertaking."

Flats block backed at run-down site

A BLOCK of 16 flats on a run-down Bloxwich site has been given the go-ahead.

The homes, which will be part of a supported living scheme on the old Wiggin House land in Buxton Road, were backed by Walsall Council.

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Assurances from chiefs after blood testing row

HOSPITAL bosses in Walsall have reassured patients over blood testing that can help detect prostate cancer, saying it meets the highest standards. It comes after a retired doctor said he was left worried following initial tests by Walsall Manor Hospital and is now considering legal action.

Dr Shaya's results showed a possible higher than normal level of a protein in his prostate. Another test was ordered as doctors were concerned and the second exam revealed his levels were much lower.

Dr Shaya, a Dudley Council worker who used to be a biochemist at Walsall Manor, had the original Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test on April 1 and was told his PSA level was 10 nanograms per millilitre – more than twice what is considered the normal level of between 2 and 4ng/ml.

Thankfully the new results showed Mr Shaya's PSA level was actually around 2mg/ml. A joint statement was released by Dr Mark Livingston, consultant clinical scientist and Dr Andrew Hartland, consultant chemical pathologist states: "All PSA testing is carried out by dedicated professionals in the Blood Sciences Department and is not contracted out to an external organisation.

"Our department has very rigorous internal quality control and external quality assurance, and holds Clinical Pathology Accreditation (CPA), which means we have been independently assessed to international quality standards.

"PSA is not a screening test for prostate cancer and this should be discussed with those choosing to have the test. There are many reasons why the level of PSA in the blood can increase including injury, exercise, ageing, urinary tract infections, and sexual activity. Therefore, a diagnosis of prostate cancer cannot be based on PSA testing alone."

Following Dr Shaya's formal complaint to the hospital, a full investigation was undertaken to ensure that there were no analytical issues or technical errors.

The statement adds: "We meet all the high standards required for accreditation and care passionately about the service we provide."

Club scores with returning players

A DRIVE to encourage people to play rugby has been hailed a success. Walsall's first Turbo 10's rugby event was held last week to attract new or returning adult players.

The modified version of the game was hosted by Handsworth Rugby Football Club with the support of Walsall Rugby Development Group, Staffordshire Rugby Union and Walsall Council sport and leisure services.

Lee Dawson, volunteer from Handsworth Rugby Club, said that four lapsed players returned, including one that hadn't played for over 10 years.



Vanisha Singh with her sister Meera, left

Coaster crash victims tell of horror

A FAMILY from Walsall have spoken of their lucky escape on board the ill-fated carriage on the disaster-struck Alton Towers rollercoaster, it has emerged.

Vanisha Singh, aged 29, was in the second row of the carriage with her mother Chanda, 49, and her sister Meera, 26. She has since told of how the passengers cried in pain as blood dripped from the victims.

Four of the 16 people on the ride were seriously injured in the crash. So far four have been named as Joe Pugh, 18, and Leah Washington, 17,

from Barnsley, 27-year-old Daniel Thorpe from Buxton and Vicki Balch, 19, from Leyland in Lancashire.

Mrs Singh said: "There was loads of screaming. I felt a burning sensation in my pelvis, and back and neck pain.

"The guy on the front row with the bloody face looked round and I could see it was really serious. He was the first to be cut out. Then they got to Leah. One of her legs had been pulled right behind the metal bar. They were calling out her name to try and keep her awake."

She said there had been 'technical

difficulties' moments before they embarked on the ride, as several test cars were sent ahead of them.

"We finally went up and were at the top for 10 or 15 minutes chatting, joking that we were the guinea pigs," she said.

Describing the crash, she added: "It was terrifying. There was blood all over the floor because it was pouring out of their legs in the carriage and dropping down. The doctors and firemen were covered in blood as they scaled the scaffolding to treat the guys on the front row."

Council working hours may be cut to save cash

Report by Craig Hughes

STAFF working hours could be cut at Walsall Council in a bid to save more than £5 million, it has emerged.

Thousands of workers could see their hours reduced as the cash-strapped authority looks to claw back money.

A standard working week would be reduced by two-and-a-half hours under the proposal, meaning staff would be forced to take a pay drop.

The Conservative controlled authority said the move could secure jobs, while saving up to £5.5m.

Negotiations will need to take place with unions and firm proposals will now be drawn up to go before the decision-making Cabinet at a future date.

The authority has been forced to axe almost 200 posts this year in a bid to save £29m, and is braced for further reductions in government funding. Hundreds of jobs have already been scrapped by the council over the last few years as part of cuts.

Revenue

Council leader Mike Bird said: "If we are saving £5.5 million on the revenue budget, which is the pay roll, what we would like to see is people being able to keep their job rather than being made redundant.

"It is far better to have 35 hours work and have a job than do no hours at work and sit at home."

Any changes are not due to come in immediately as union representatives will be part of discussions.

Councillor Bird said: "It is going to take at least six months and we have still got to negotiate that with the unions."

It comes after the Tories returned to power after Councillor Bird won the leadership battle in a tight vote.

He received 30 votes compared to the 29 of Labour counterpart Sean Coughlan.

The Tory chief managed to win the vote after receiving the support of the UKIP and independent councillors.

Labour had taken control last summer but their reign proved to be a short one.

The Tories were previously in power for more than a decade, with their last few in coalition with the Lib Dems.

David sees red for a great result



David Richards, from Walsall, who has been reunited with the scarf he lost at the Wembley match

IT'S a story to gladden the heart – a football fan has been reunited with a scarf knitted by his late wife, months after losing it on the way to Wembley. David Richards, 70, lost the precious red knitted scarf on his way to watch Walsall in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final on March 22.

His family set up an online appeal, offered a £100 reward and had both Transport For London staff and strangers searching

the tube stations, but it was not found. The scarf was knitted by Mr Richards' late wife, Jennifer. She died from cancer in 1995.

The family had given up hope of ever seeing it again, but out of the blue, David's daughter got a text message to say the scarf had been located. Mother-of-two Kymberley Ionios said: "We had given up but a few weeks ago I got a surprise text." The red thick knitted keepsake was presented to Mr Richards on his 70th birthday.

His daughter organised the surprise reunion and his children and grandchildren wore the long scarf when they visited him on his birthday on Wednesday.

Mr Richards said: "It's the best present I could have asked for. It means the world to me."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning over computer con

RESIDENTS are being warned about a computer repair scam which claims it has been hacked. Police in Walsall have been made aware of the con with a neighbourhood watch member targeted.

Kevin Pitt, engagement and consultation officer at Walsall police, said it started with a pop-up scam message on the screen. When the resident called a number which came up they were told hackers had corrupted 50 per cent of the computer.

A payment of £169.99 was made but when it was said further work was needed the resident tried to cancel the service. However they refused to cancel payment.

Those who fear they are the victim of online crime can call Action Fraud by dialling 0300 123 2040.

Manor's MRI scanner down

UP to 100 hospital appointments were cancelled after the breakdown of the only MRI scanner at Walsall Manor, it has emerged.

The equipment run by the specialist InHealth Group was out of action for four days meaning some bookings were halted at short notice.

Health bosses said it was fixed by last Monday afternoon after the problem occurred the Friday beforehand. A service is provided seven days a week.

In a statement InHealth Group said: "We apologise for the concerns that this unforeseen breakdown has caused and are working with the Trust to minimise any inconvenience to patients who were affected."

Caldmore set for colourful festival

AN area of Walsall is getting colourful in preparation for an annual festival this weekend.

Saturday's procession will start at Caldmore Community Garden, in Carless Street at 1.30pm and will pass through a number of streets before returning at 3pm for performances including music, poetry and dance. The theme is the four seasons and the four elements – earth, water, fire and air.

Anna Rogozinska, chairman of Caldmore Village Festival group, said: "The aim is to celebrate Caldmore and we want to see the community turning up in their colourful clothing."

Suspicious blaze at derelict unit tackled

FIRE crews tackled a blaze in a derelict unit in Willenhall, which was believed to have been started deliberately.

A total of 10 firefighters from Walsall were called just before 2pm on Monday to the building in Bentley Mill Way.

Crews tackled the fire for an hour. It was started in a walk-in refrigerator in the detached unit. An investigation is now under way.



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THE report on appalling cruelty to greyhounds in Australia is horrifying but you don't have to go all the way to Oz to find it. Every year in Britain thousands of greyhounds, having reached the end of their career or failed to win races, are allegedly slaughtered or abandoned. Estimates vary between 4,000 and 12,000 healthy dogs killed every year. In the United States greyhound racing has been outlawed in 39 states. Over here, the governing body, the Greyhound Board of Great Britain, says it is "committed to working to raise standards of care still further." The League Against Cruel Sports denounces the

rules as "little more than a crook's charter" and continues the fight, doggedly.

CLIMATE change is taking the place of religion and, like all religions, does not deal in half measures; there is only right and wrong, good and evil, heaven and hell. But real life is shades of grey. Scientists in Africa report that a rise in greenhouse gases has actually increased rainfall south of the Sahara. The droughts are over. The land has blossomed. The people can at last feed themselves. For them (and for how many millions of others?) climate change is a change for the better.

"RUBBER" is not the only word which causes confusion between Brits and Yanks (and thanks for all your contributions on the subject). I am reminded of a moment's confusion some years ago on a trip to the Deep South with a company of English TA soldiers, one of whom asked a trooper of the Arkansas National Guard if he'd like a fag. We almost had a diplomatic incident.

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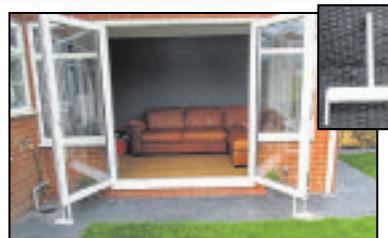
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Jail for shoplifter in crime spree

A SHOPLIFTER who 'swept shop shelves clean' of more than £2,100 of products, and assaulted a security guard who tried to stop him, has been jailed for more than two years.

Lee Perry, of Tennyson Road in Willenhall, swung a fist while holding a bottle of fragrance, striking the guard on the head and briefly knocking him out after he challenged him outside a Boots chemist.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard that Perry had previously pleaded guilty to nine charges of shoplifting which took place in September to November 2014. Five of the thefts took place at Boots in Newport, Shrop-

shire, while the others were from the Co-op store in Ludlow, Fat Face in Malvern and two thefts from Boots in Bridgnorth.

He was jailed for 26 months at court last Monday. Mr Richard Davenport, prosecuting, said on most occasions Perry would enter the store, select perfumes or other toiletries, place them in a bag and walk out.

On November 31 he was recognised by a security officer at Boots in Newport and when challenged he swung a fist at his head while holding a bottle of fragrance, said the prosecutor. Mr Davenport added the guard had briefly lost consciousness

after being struck, but continued to chase Perry, who jumped into a car and drove off the wrong way down a one-way street.

Recorder Stephen Thomas told Perry: "You were just sweeping the shelves clean of items and putting in your bag." He said Perry had sought out high value products in small stores who could not afford high security. "Clearly you would have had a market in mind for those perfumes and the like," he added.

Recorder Thomas said that Perry had been saved from a longer sentence by his early guilty plea and his efforts to rid himself of drink and

drugs. Perry was ordered to serve two months for each of the nine thefts, plus eight months for the assault. He must also pay an £80 victim surcharge.

Ms Amanda Tomkins, for Perry, said that the defendant had subsequently served a prison sentence for other offences and he had used his time in prison to tackle his drinking and drugs problem and had been certified drug free for five months.

He was arrested for the thefts immediately after being released.

The court heard that Perry had 241 convictions for 79 offences, 142 of which were theft related.

Over-limit driver who crashed is locked up

A SPEEDING banned driver from Walsall, who caused a serious accident while drunk, has been jailed.

Surinder Sund forced motorists to swerve out of his way before ploughing into a people carrier injuring its six occupants and badly hurting a woman passenger, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Sund, aged 32, had drunk up to two bottles of vodka before getting behind the wheel, repeatedly veered onto the wrong side of the road and overtook on a blind bend before disaster struck on June 27, last year.

Gary Richards saw the Saab coming towards him on the wrong side of the road. He said: "The speed was unreal. I have never seen a car driven that fast on a normal road."

Sund, aged 32, had finally lost control and cannoned broadside into a Toyota people carrier travelling in the opposite direction which was almost stationary after braking heavily in a desperate bid to avoid the crash.

Its driver Mr Francis Agyeman, his wife and their four children, aged between six and 12, were injured but not very seriously.

However, ShonaVanhorn suffered a broken pelvis, collar bone and ribs together with a punctured lung in the impact and was treated in hospital until July 6. Sund had drunk so much he could barely stand but did not take a breath test, the court heard. He later claimed to have drunk two bottles of vodka.

Sund from Stafford Street, Walsall, pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving and was jailed for three years and also banned from driving for six years.

Activities lined up for elderly

DAY trips and entertainments are among the activities lined up at a community centre for older residents.

Organisers at Stan Ball Centre in Bloxwich have six spaces left for a visit to Slimbridge Wild Fowl Trust on July 2. The cost is £12.50 each including transport and admission. The coach will depart at 9am and return at 5.30pm. They also have the final four seats for a trip to Blackpool on July 16 to depart at 8am returning at 6pm. The cost is just £10.

Seats are available for the centre's fundraising night on July 12 featuring soul singers Lisa Morrall and Helen James who will stage a 80s and 90s R&B set from 7.30pm. Doors open at 6.30pm with licensed bar and food available. Tickets cost £5. More details on 01922 403351.

Sofas set alight in yard

YOBs set fire to furniture being stored in a yard behind shops in Walsall. Fire crews attended the blaze behind a row of shops, in Harden Road, Harden, at about 1.30pm on June 2. It involved three sofas deliberately set alight.

The court heard his condition had significantly deteriorated since the incident. All three had previous convictions.

Mr Stephen Cadwaladr, defending Clarke, said: "What motivated this nasty offence was that he and Wilkes were both addicted to heroin and would pursue any means to obtain the money required to get their daily fix. What happened in the flat was spontaneous. It had been thought that Wilkes could persuade the injured party to give them money. He suffered unpleasant but not very serious physical injuries."

Mr William Dudley, representing Powis, added: "This incident stems from the best part of two decades of drug abuse. If he had been anywhere near his right state of mind he would not have dreamt of committing an offence like this."

Mr Christopher O'Gorman, for Wilkes, said the crime had served as a wake up call prompting those responsible to make a serious effort to change their lifestyle. Powis, of Darlaston Road, Pleck, was jailed for 10 years, Wilkes of Roebuck Glade, Willenhall, received a nine-year sentence while Clarke from Sheridan Street, Walsall, was locked up for eight years. All admitted robbery.

Judge Michael Challinor told them: "A very vulnerable man was robbed while alone in his own home.

"He suffered significant facial injuries and it is clear he was struck several times during a violent incident which left his flat in disarray.

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Force hit by biggest cut to finances in the UK

WEST Midlands Police has suffered the biggest cuts to finances out of any force in the country, a report has found. It has seen 26 per cent slashed from its grant from the Government – worth more than £130 million.

The National Audit Office report said police forces do not have a clear understanding of the demands placed upon them or of the factors that affect their costs. Funding for the police decreased by £2.3 billion – 25 per cent – between 2010 and this year.

The report also highlights discrepancies – while West Midlands Police endured cuts of £132m, Northumbria received an extra £99m.

Chief Constable Chris Sims said: “The National Audit Office report notes how forces have successfully reduced costs but is concerned that forces do not properly understand demand and therefore face difficulties in the way they work.”

“The force welcomes the National Audit Office’s contribution in highlighting the good work done and the challenges that lie ahead.”

The report shows that as well as losing 26 per cent of its government funding, West Midlands Police also lost 23 per cent of its local government funding.

Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: “West Midlands Police currently gets £43m a year less than the Government’s own formula says that the force should receive. It is an issue I have been campaigning on and will continue to do so in the coming months.”

Jewellery raids spark warning

HIGH value gold items and jewellery have been stolen during burglaries from homes in Walsall.

Police are now warning residents, particularly members of the Asian community, to be on their guard.

Officers have recently been called to a number of break-ins where such items have been targeted by thieves.

Kevin Pitt, engagement and consultation officer at Walsall police, has taken to social media to urge people to be aware of such crimes.

He said: “A warning to members of our Asian communities to take care of their gold and jewellery. We’ve recently experienced a few burglaries of Asian households in various parts of the borough where high-value gold and jewellery has been targeted.”

Cycle retailer's 100 jobs move

WIGGLE has launched a recruitment drive in a bid to fill more than 100 jobs at its vast new distribution centre in Bilston. The UK's biggest online cycle retailer wants to fill 140 warehouse roles at its 320,000 sq ft Citadel base.

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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No more a Brummie than I am a Scouser

JERRY Blackett, the chief executive of Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce is one of two things.

He is either an extremely clever wind-up merchant – and if so, congratulations Sir, you really had me going – or he is living proof of why all the talk of devolving power to the regions will only be bad news for the Black Country.

I suppose the clue lies in the name of his organisation, but his latest vision of Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and the area known as Sandwell all being submerged into a city region known as 'Greater Birmingham' perfectly sums up while we should all run for the hills at any suggestion of a combined authority for the urban West Midlands.

Explaining his rationale, Mr Blackett explains that years to come the world economy may be dominated by 50 truly international cities. And he fears that without annexing its neighbours into the great vision, then Birmingham will be left behind.

And what exactly has that got to do with us? Look I really don't have anything against Birmingham. As I said last week, it is a city which is unfairly maligned, and has much to commend it. But, how do I put this delicately? As a dyed-in-the-wool Black Country mon, I have got no particular affinity to it either. It is a decent city, but it is not my city. I am no more a Brummie than I am a Scouser or Scotsman.

Languages

I do go to Birmingham a few times a year due to the simple fact that we have lost most of the decent shops in Dudley, but every time I get off the train at New Street I am struck by the fast pace of life, by the sheer volume of human traffic, and the different languages being spoken. It might only be 10 or so miles away, but culturally, it is a world away from the Black Country.

Nearly 30 years since the end of the last failed attempt to force a common identity on these very different areas, the unaligned West Midlands County Council, it seems we haven't learned a thing.

If there really is a need for regional government, and I'm far from convinced that there is, then it would be better to bring together places which are more similar in character, and have long-established cultural ties.

For example, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull would be a good fit, as would Wolverhampton, Walsall, Cannock and Stafford. Dudley, Stourbridge and Kidderminster go together pretty well, and we could call these new regions, I dunno, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and Worcestershire.

To tell the truth, I'm amazed no-one has thought of it before.



Wolves fans celebrate at a Molineux game in 2012



The Queen and Del Boy at Wolverhampton races



Stacie Coisne at the Tattoo Palace, Chapel Ash

Black Country life in the picture at gallery

Images of the area are in the spotlight at an exhibition in Wolverhampton. **KIMBERLEY CRAYTON-BROWN** reports

CHEERING on Wolves, enjoying a day at the races, or lining up to see the legendary Robert Plant – people from the Black Country could find their faces among hundreds in an exhibition celebrating the region.

Over the course of four years Magnum photographer Martin Parr travelled throughout Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell, camera in hand documenting the everyday lives of people throughout the area.

Images of football fans at Molineux, ravers at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall and shop and factory workers are on display alongside wedding guests and racegoers. They are all part of the Black Country Stories exhibition, which opened at the city's art gallery last Saturday.

Pigeon

An entire wall at Wolverhampton Art Gallery is covered with hundreds of images taken by the award-winning photographer, and gallery staff are encouraging people to come along and see if they make an appearance.

The image wall will form part of the exhibition alongside larger prints of Parr's work especially selected from the Black Country Stories archive, as well as 400 snapshots, oral histories and four documentary films made by Parr.

The films feature Willenhall pensioners on a Turkey and Tinsel coach trip to Weston-super-Mare, glassmakers in Stourbridge, a Moxley pigeon breeder who goes to Mongolia, and Teddy Gray's famous sweet factory.

Parr said: "I am looking forward to presenting back, to both Wolverhampton and the wider Black Country, the fruits of my four-year journey around this unique area. Despite



Staff putting together the wall of photos at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

the poor local economy, the spirit and determination of the community comes shining through."

At the beginning of the project, commissioned in 2010 by West Bromwich-based community arts charity Multistory, Parr said he felt he knew Britain quite well, but the Black Country was a blind spot.

In a blog detailing the project, he says: "I have either visited or photographed in most major cities, from Plymouth to Wick in the far north of Scotland. I do have my blind spots and one was the Black Country, despite driving past this on the M6 on my journeys north on many occasions. So when Emma Chetcuti from Multistory contacted me to ask if I might be interested in doing a photographic commission, in the borough of Sandwell, I could not say yes fast enough.

"With its famous industrial past, there was

going to be an inevitable sense of decline in the area, but what I had not counted on was the revitalisation that the many immigrant groups had brought to the area. There are active communities from many parts of the world: India, Pakistan of course, and the inevitable recent influx of Poles but also Somalis, West Indians and many others.

"It is this vital mix that we decided to focus on and, at the same time, looking for examples of traditional Black Country life that were in good health. As the lid was slowly eased open, we realised the power of the material that we were unearthing.

"This is a celebration of your community."

The 62-year-old, who was born in Surrey and now lives in Bristol, said his budding interest in photography when he was a teenager was encouraged by his grandfather, also a keen amateur photographer. Starting the

Black Country Stories project in Sandwell in 2010, Parr spent time at West Bromwich market, the town's St George's Day parade, and snapped Albion fans on a match day.

Staff at Mad O'Rourke's Pie factory in Tipton and its legendary 'Desperate Dan' cow pie also featured, along with youngsters pictured playing street games at the Black Country Living Museum, and a series of pictures at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick during the annual Vaisakhi festival.

During 2011 and 2012 he visited Wolverhampton, capturing pictures inside and outside Molineux of the rollercoaster of emotions expressed by fanatical football fans.

Colourful diamond jubilee celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 2012 showed churches, cricket clubs and neighbours all join together in celebrations, while nightlife was captured at the Slade Rooms and the Quest reunion at the Civic Hall. Other images featured staff at Marston's Brewery, youngsters at Royal Wolverhampton School, in Penn Road, and shoppers inside Wulfrun Shopping Centre.

Acclaimed

Dudley had its turn in 2013, including moments at Bathams Brewery in Brierley Hill, Dudley Zoo, families enjoying Netherton Park fun day and the sea cadets.

Marguerite Nugent, Wolverhampton Art Gallery's senior curator, said: "Martin Parr is an internationally acclaimed documentary photographer so to have his work here and for that work to be about local people is a real coup."

"We hope people, who might not always visit, will come into the gallery to have a look to see if an image of themselves or anyone they know is in the exhibition. It really is a fascinating glimpse of Wolverhampton and the surrounding Black Country."

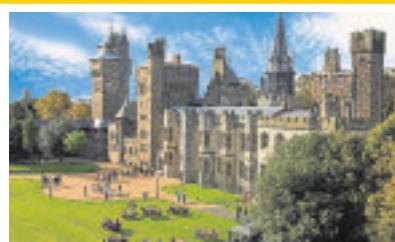
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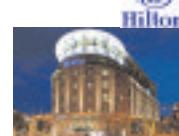
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Harry plays a different army game

F GRIMLEY urges the reintroduction of conscription – euphemistically called ‘national service’ – on the basis that Prince Harry has advocated it. Prince Harry’s experience of the Army (proprietor: his grandson) may, of course, be rather different from that of a square basher from Bloxwich.

In an age of austerity and spending cuts, how does F Grimley think that we are going to pay for a huge increase in the numbers of military personnel? They would require a wage, and would need to be trained at a disproportionate cost to their length of service.

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Tribute to Bletchley operator's heroism

HOW wonderful to see a plaque unveiled to one of the greatest Bletchley Park operatives of all time.

A man who helped direct the war towards allied victory, using decoding skills to read Nazi messages being intercepted at Bletchley, with of course his friend and colleague Alan Turing, plus other important team members at Bletchley. I have been to Bletchley, seen the Turing computer and there is no doubt it is a place with a great atmosphere.

Congratulations and three cheers to the heroine of the hour Anna King and her team for bringing this all about, also many thanks to all those who donated monies to help get this initiative off the ground.

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Walsall has produced quite a few people who went on to help change society as a whole, and this is what all Walsallians should be proud of, the first port of call for Walsall pride.

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Thanks for Tesco effort

Again, do we know whether generals, admirals and air marshals would welcome an influx of reluctant conscripts of questionable ability and commitment? Worst, surely, from the point of view of generals is that the loyalty of conscripts cannot be guaranteed.

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CAN someone please help me with the ‘Common Market in/out Europe debate’?

As some one of a certain age, I voted to join Europe in what I understood to be a Common Market based on free trade between member states. A principle that I still support and welcome between our European partners. However I have never, as far as I can recall, voted to become a member of a federal Europe.

The sovereignty of the UK is of paramount importance to me. The right to be governed by our own elected government is a principal that our forbears fought two world wars for. Free trade is one thing that should be embraced by all member states.

Sovereignty is not up for debate as far as I am concerned. The scaremongering with regard to what would happen if we left Europe is by and large rubbish.

Would Germany not want to sell cars in the UK or the French wine?

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Ex-Duran singer will be on stage at Beacon

A FORMER member of Duran Duran will be among the musical acts at Walsall's Bands on the Beacon later this month.

One time lead singer of the new romantics darlings, Andy Wickett will be appearing at the festival on June 28 at 4.15pm along with his band World Service. They will be among 30 acts at the weekend of live entertainment.

Andy gained an interest in punk while studying at Moseley Art School in Birmingham and moved on to be in Duran Duran in 1979, writing one of their big hits Girls on Film.

Charges have been introduced at the event for the first time but organisers are hopeful people will still support it.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, chairman of Barr Beacon Trust, said: "Every year has been a crucial year for the Bands on the Beacon music festival but this year it is even more so.

"It has been a growing success every year and this year the future of the festival is in the hands of its supporters, the people who go.

"If people want to have an annual music festival then they need to buy tickets and show their commitment to keeping the arts scene alive in Walsall.

"More and more the funding for the arts is being tightened or is simply disappearing and it would be a huge loss to Walsall if we weren't able to showpiece local talent."

Tickets for the event are now available for sale from specialist secure ticketing website TicketsSource.

"It costs £4 for adults, children aged five to 15 is a pound and under fives free.

Toning up for big 10k race



Andy Wickett



Members of Aldridge Running Club Terry and Jill Hastings, Carol Watson, Jane Quinn and Julie Marlow promote the club's annual 10k race

HUNDREDS of runners will be pounding the ground for the annual Aldridge Running Club race on Sunday. Up to 600 people are expected to take part in the event, which has been going on for more than 20 years.

The main event is a 10k run while there is also a 4.3km fun run and children's events. The main 10k run starts from Portland Road, Aldridge, and participants must be at least 15. The fastest finishing time was 34 minutes and two seconds last year.

The 4.3km run begins from the Stick and Wicket club car park and starts at 10.30 am. It will be the 23rd time the Aldridge Running Club race has been held.

This year's race is sponsored by sports retailer Decathlon, Walsall Housing Group, Multiprint UK and Aldridge Jewellery And Gifts.

The club has nearly 200 members and is based at the Stick and Wicket on the Green in Aldridge, and meets every Tuesday. Members cover distances from one mile up to over nine miles.

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Students at the studio school show some of the comments made after the Ofsted inspection

THE staff and students of Walsall Studio School received a significant boost to the summer term following the publication of an excellent Ofsted report.

The team of inspectors who visited the school in April praised the standards they found and rated the school

as 'Good' while highlighting many areas of excellent and outstanding practice. In a summary statement, the inspectors concluded: "A culture of very high expectations permeates the studio school, driven by leaders' uncompromising belief that all students can reach their potential. As a result,

students are very well prepared for the next stage of their lives."

Furthermore, the school's work to keep pupils safe and secure has been judged to be "outstanding." The work of teachers was praised – particularly in planning to meet the different needs of students."

Out of pocket man resorted to dealing cannabis

A FATHER-OF-THREE who was 'out of luck and out of money' turned to selling cannabis to make ends meet, a court heard.

Matthew Hawkins, who had separated from his partner, was sleeping on the sofa at a friend's flat when it was raided by police, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. They found cannabis plants growing at the address.

A passing patrol noticed the tell-tale smell of the drug coming from an open window, explained Mr Hugh O'Brien Quinn, prosecuting. Officers also seized a dealers list and two mobile phones from the flat at Rubery Court, Darlaston on November 27 and arrested both 25-year-old Hawkins and the friend whose home it was.

The phone belonging to Hawkins had a number of text messages that related to drug dealing. One involved a £30 deal due to

take place outside a nearby primary school. Another was sent to 16 contacts advertising the sale of two different types of high grade cannabis. The defendant told police that he had only spent three or four nights at the address following the break up of his relationship.

Mr Stephen Cadwaladr, defending, said the text messages had all been transmitted the day before the police swoop and continued: "It was a single, short lived aberration and the lesson has been learned."

Hawkins from St Georges Street, Darlaston had since given up cannabis and now had a job as a warehouse labourer, it was said. He pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cannabis at court last Wednesday and was given an eight month jail sentence, suspended for 18 months with a £1,000 fine.

Another man arrested with Hawkins has admitted two drug offences and will be dealt with at a later date.

Firm is on shortlist for award

A FIRM in the Black Country has been nominated for a prestigious award. Aldridge-based RMD Kwikform, which provides specialist equipment to the international construction market, has been shortlisted as a finalist in the British Construction Industry Awards (BCIA) for its work on a £49 million Crossrail development.

The firm helped create a special traveller system to support Crossrail's Stockley viaduct flyover in London.

As part of Crossrail's infrastructure development plan, which will see a 100km trainline constructed from the West to the East of the capital, the project saw a new bridge and airport junction constructed near Heathrow Airport.

Mike Follett, managing director of RMD Kwikform UK, said: "The BCIA Awards is a prestigious event for the construction industry and we're incredibly proud to be a finalist in the temporary works category."

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Tom, front centre, sat with Joe Davies and Jack Baker, both 92 at the Legion's base



Tom Brewin with his 90th birthday cake at the Willenhall club



Dealing with one of the wounded in the woodland surrounding Arnhem in 1944

Birthday brings back memories of ill-fated Arnhem fight for Tom, 90

HE IS one of the Black Country's last remaining survivors of the ill-fated Battle of Arnhem and he has celebrated his 90th birthday with comrades at the Royal British Legion Club in Willenhall.

It was a bitter sweet experience for Tom Brewin, as the Second World War veteran recalled his memories of the bloody battle fought in and around the small Dutch town in September 1944, and his subsequent capture which saw him held as a PoW for eight months.

Mr Brewin, from Penn, Wolverhampton, is one of the last few living veterans of the ill-fated military operation.

He is the current president of Wolverhampton's Parachute Regiment Association, and on June 2 he was joined by 15 fellow members for a chat and a few pints to celebrate his birthday at the Willenhall British Legion base. Although Mr Brewin says the group prefer not to dwell on the

MEMORY LANE

By Peter Madeley

conflict these days, his memories of his time in the war remain vivid to this day.

Mr Brewin was called up at the age of 18 and after training in Glasgow and Worcester, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion South Staffs Regiment in Christmas 1944, which by that time was already an airborne battalion.

At that time morale among the regiment was low. After taking part in the invasion of Sicily more than 100 troops drowned after being dropped in the Mediterranean one mile from shore.

"Sicily had been a disaster for those that were there. It was almost a relief to go to Arnhem to get away from it all."

It was expected to be a straightforward mission with little opposition from the Nazis, but a very different story unfolded.

The troops landed, via gliders, in a field on the northern side of Wolfhagen.

Their first day, September 17, 1944, was incident-free, but by the following morning it emerged that the Divisional Commander was missing. "He had been taken by the Germans," said Mr Brewin.

"We were supposed to stay and protect the landing zone for the next day's second lift, but the order changed and we were told to find our way to the bridge over the Rhine.

"But the Jerries were very smart at blocking all the approaches to the bridge."

Just 10 days after landing the entire battalion was captured when they became stranded on a river bank in the town of Oosterbeek. "Dawn broke and we were all on the banks of the river, with no ammo and no food," Mr Brewin continued.

"There must have been a good 200 of us.

"We had a choice, pack up or get shot. They surrounded us and marched us all the way to Arnhem to show us off to the Dutch. It was their way of saying they weren't finished yet." The British troops were loaded onto cattle trucks at the railway station.

"They said they'd give us rations for 24

hours for a 17-hour journey, but we were on there for five days," added Mr Brewin. As a PoW, he was mainly based in prison camps in Czechoslovakia. He describes the day of liberation as "a complete anti-climax". "It was a strange day. We woke up and all the guards had gone. We presumed they'd just abandoned their posts.

"The Russians came past but they had no food for us. We made it and the Americans looked after us. Within a day we were put on a plane to Belgium and then back to England."

For Mr Brewin getting home to Whitmore Reans was "a bloody beautiful feeling", but his father Alvin was less than impressed with his wartime endeavours.

"The old chap was in the Coldstream Guards and fought through the Battle of Mons without getting wounded," recalled Mr Brewin. "He called me a 10-day soldier, because that's how long I was over there before being captured!"

In 1949 Mr Brewin married Annie, who is now 91, and the pair had four children.



Tom Brewin with the South Staffs 2nd Battalion in 1943

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Garden tribute to dinner lady Karen



Front, principal lunchtime supervisor Ann Rogers, with dinner ladies at Pool Hayes primary school, and the garden

A MEMORIAL garden is being created at a Willenhall school in memory of a dinner lady who died suddenly, aged 50. Karen Evans worked at Pool Hayes Primary, where teachers and pupils hope to set up the garden as a legacy.

Former colleagues are appealing for the donation of items such as a bench, tables and ornaments towards the space. It would be used for five to eight-year-olds to sit and have lunch.

The grandmother was due to go on a Christmas night out with other staff members on the day she fell ill last December. She had seen colleagues earlier in the day, but then they received a call on the evening to say the mother-of-three from Short Heath had been rushed to hospital where she died.

Karen worked as a dinner lady at Pool Hayes since 2009. Work is starting to take place in preparation for the area, which will be called Karen's Sunshine Garden. Staff are also look-



Karen Evans, who was 50, ising for donations of plants and pots for the project.

Teaching assistant Wendy Mills said: "The kids loved her and vice-versa. Whatever people can give it would be gratefully received." Anyone who can assist should call 01902 368144.

Victim of burglaries tells of her torment

A YOUNG mother whose Black Country home has been burgled three times in 18 months has spoke of her torment.

She explained: "I live with my three-year-old boy and after being burgled that often I am scared of leaving the property in case there is another incident. Your own home should be a safe place to live.

"But now I feel on edge regardless of whether I am inside or out. I am constantly worrying."

The comments came in a victim impact statement read to Wolverhampton Crown Court after 20-year-old Nathan Hayward admitted being responsible for a break-in at the woman's property in Coalpool, Walsall, on February 23.

Judge Michael Challinor told the defendant: "That is what you have done to that girl. Something precious is violated by this sort of offence. It is no good you saying you did not know she had been burgled before. You took your chance when you decided to break into the property."

The victim only left the address empty for 90 minutes but during that time Hayward smashed the glass in a back door to get inside and escaped with an Xbox console and 15 games.

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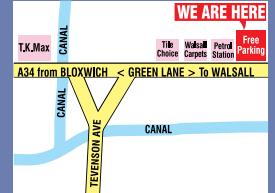
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Barbara Ann Marshall from the group said: "As founder and leader of Embroidery for Burntwood Community, I am delighted that the Group has been given this Award."

"It is a wonderful reward for all of my volunteer members in recognition of the high level of work produced over the last 14 years. It is also a big thank you for Burntwood Town Council which has given unwavering support."

Worker hit 90mph during police chase on town roads

A FAST food worker reached speeds of 90 mph when he led police on a high-speed chase through the streets of the Black Country, at one point overtaking a lorry.

Dilip Kishor Patel drove on the wrong side of the road, ignored 'no entry' signs and went the wrong way around islands during the pursuit on May 26, in his black Peugeot 306.

The pursuit lasted 20 minutes and went through Wednesfield, Willenhall and Essington,

Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard. Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said a police patrol spotted the 30-year-old driving erratically in Stubby Lane, on the Wednesfield/Willenhall border at around 2am and signalled for him to stop.

"He went the wrong way around a traffic island and contravened a no entry sign when he entered Willenhall town centre," said Mr Cooper. "There was an episode where he overtook a lorry at 65mph into oncoming traffic. He then went the wrong way around another island."

"He eventually came to a stop and was arrested nearby," said the prosecutor. The court

was told that Patel was found to have a small amount of cannabis with him when he was detained. Mr Cooper said that Patel had previous convictions for driving offences. Mr Richard Quinn, defending, said his client had been 'burning the candle at both ends' by holding down two jobs in fast food restaurants.

Patel, of Cannock Road, Park Village, Wolverhampton, admitted dangerous driving, driving whilst disqualified, driving without insurance and possession of cannabis. He was remanded in custody and will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on June 30.

£2,000 to help develop talent

BURNTWOOD Town Council has announced details of a bursary scheme to celebrate the achievements of local hero Stephen Sutton.

The scheme, aimed at talented youngsters from 11 to 19 who live within the boundaries of Burntwood, is worth up to £2,000 and is intended to help fund additional opportunities to develop talent.

This could include purchasing specialist equipment or clothing, research projects, extra tuition or coaching, competition fees and travel. The 2015 Bursary Award scheme is now open and applications should be submitted by Wednesday, September 30.

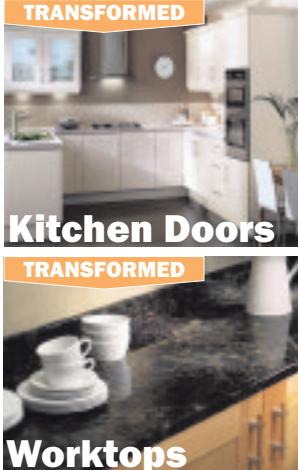
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Sisters speak out to receive awards



Front, Yasmin Nachif, aged 11, and back Mariam, nine

TWO young public speakers from the Black Country have raised their voice to receive top prizes and recognition.

Sisters Yasmin and Mariam Nachif wowed audiences of more than a hundred people in competitions.

The Blue Coat School pupils receive teaching from Marianne Campbell who runs a London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art studio in Delves, Walsall.

Yasmin, aged 11, was highly commended in the national finals of the Crammer awards. She had to learn and recite five minutes of passages from the Common Book of Prayer.

Yasmin was representing the Diocese of Worcester and was commended in the finals held at the city's cathedral.

It meant she had to learn the archaic language and the style of writing from a different era to present day style.

Mariam also secured first places at the Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance.

The nine-year-old came top in the verse speaking, prose and bible reading at the recent festival. She was also recognised as the most promising performer which saw hundreds of schools across the Midlands take part.

Lock-up for nephew of car thief in crash

A PASSENGER in a stolen car which crashed killing his uncle who was at the wheel has been locked up.

Jamie Jones, from Walsall, was in the stolen Vauxhall Corsa when it was driven along the A5 at Atcham near Shrewsbury with police in pursuit on June 6 last year.

At the wheel was his uncle Stefan Boswell, 20, of Wolverhampton. He died after the car struck a lamp post.

The car had been earlier stolen from Craven Arms in Shropshire. Jones, 20, of Manor Road, Alumwell, previously admitted a charge of aggravated vehicle taking.

Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said Jones' uncle picked up his nephew after stealing it from a driveway, in Craven Arms, that night. Mr Boswell lost control of the car that was being driven the wrong way round Emstrey island, it mounted the embankment before hitting the lamp post.

Mr Andrew Holland, defending Jones, told the sentencing at Shrewsbury Crown Court that his client had 'little or no recollection' of the incident.

"He had no involvement in the burglary, but he concedes he got into the car and thereafter it was driven dangerously by his uncle, who was a very similar age. He has suffered serious degrees of guilt and remorse in this case," Mr Holland said.

Mr Recorder Stephen Thomas sentenced Jones to 12 months in custody at the hearing.



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Canoeist 'drowns' at the wheel of his car

A BUSINESSMAN drowned while behind the wheel of his car - hours after his canoe overturned in the Lake District.

Father-of-two Alan Gough, from Walsall, appeared to have emerged unharmed from the accident during a day trip to Ullswater in January.

But the effects of the capsizing took their toll while driving on his journey home, an inquest heard.

The 57-year-old had swum back to the shore after the ducking and dried himself off for the return trip, having seemingly suffered only a small nosebleed. But 45 minutes into the journey home, the estate agent fell unconscious at the wheel of the Mercedes and crashed into a drystone wall.

A pathologist's report showed that he died from 'secondary drowning', a rare phenomenon that can happen hours after breathing in water. The inquest, which took place in Cumbria, heard that Mr Gough had swallowed a significant amount of water when his canoe overturned.

He was pronounced dead at the scene despite efforts to revive him by his friend John Robinson, who was with him that day, and others.

In a statement read out at the hearing, Mr Robinson told how the pair had travelled to Ullswater on January 4, arriving at their destination at 9am. He said: 'I saw him capsise about 50 yards from shore. He swam to the shore and I noticed he had blood under his left nostril. I got him dry clothes and set back to the car park.'

Assistant coroner Alan Sharpe recorded a conclusion of misadventure.

Best bar none, for elderly



The Water Mill centre has transformed a room into a 'pub'. Daycare centre manager Joy Sumner, left, pulls a pint with Wendy Marsh

CHEERS! A specialist centre in Walsall has created its own traditional-looking pub for residents.

The Water Mill which offers support for people with dementia has decked out one of its rooms like a boozier, featuring an old fashioned bar, pub paraphernalia and old-style tables and chairs.

Although it won't be serving alcohol, the aim is to create a place for residents and visitors to relax and socialise. The Water Mill in Goscole Lane provides residential places and day care facilities for people diagnosed with the condition.

Staff decided to turn one of its rooms into a traditional pub, after suggestions from people using the service. Day care manager Joy Sumner said: 'Since we opened in 2011 a few people had said to us it would be great to have a pub here. One man thinks of the centre as a pub and calls me the landlady.'

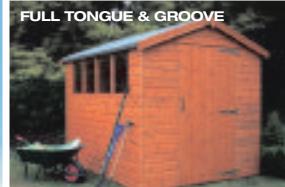
"Our staff have previously put on pub afternoons, with quizzes, dominoes, darts, sing-alongs, pork scratchings and some cheese and onion cobs." Communal facilities at the centre include a reminiscence room and a hair salon.

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Dragons' den to be secured

A PLAYING field for hundreds of young footballers has been secured following a deal between a sports club and council.

Burntwood Dragons & Phoenix FC will play at Hospital Road in Burntwood following a 25-year tenancy agreement with Lichfield District Council.

The club has more than 20 teams, mainly for youngsters, and around 340 playing members in total. It is now pressing ahead with plans to secure £400,000 from the Football Foundation to improve the facilities at Hospital Road.

Club secretary Wendy Bryant said: "Burntwood Dragons & Phoenix will finally have a place to call home."

Until now the teams have been playing at three different locations in Burntwood.

PARKS and fields will be trimmed more regularly under plans to fully restore grass cutting in Walsall, it has emerged.

Complaints had been made about overgrown parks and open land after mowing was reduced as part of council cuts.

The authority agreed more than £135,000 savings from grass cuttings, parks and ground maintenance earlier this year.

But new council bosses are now looking to

By Deborah Hardiman

reverse the decision that was made when Labour was in charge of the town hall amid concerns over the unsightly mess being created in the borough.

The U-turn comes after a town hall vote last week that saw the Conservatives take control promising to make changes in budget spending.

New council leader Mike Bird said: "We are going to make some changes. As I've gone

round the borough there have been complaints about the state of the parkland areas where the grass is overgrown.

"Disabled people who use scooters are saying the wheels can't turn properly and that they are getting stuck in the long grass that gets wrapped round the wheels.

"The decision to reduce the number of times that the grass is cut, along with others decisions made by the previous administration were approved by the cabinet of the day.

"It will have to go back to the cabinet by law to be looked at first. I have asked the officers

to prepare a report on this matter. The next meeting will be on June 24." Angry families in Bloxwich have also complained that the Odell Road open space near their homes used as playing fields and for walking dogs is now at around a foot high, making it difficult for them to enjoy the area. Campaigner John Wright, of Irvine Road, said: "I have spoken to a lot of my neighbours who are unhappy with the state of the open ground. Several of us have been talking to our councillors about the situation and I'm hoping to hold talks to the new portfolio holder for parks for them to hear our views as well."

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Classic soul tunes get new Overtones



Soul music really hits you in the heart — The Overtones are in harmony over 1960s favourites on Sweet Soul Music

AFTER three consecutive top five albums, sales of 750,000 and three headline tours, The Overtones reinvent soul music from the 1960s on fourth album Sweet Soul Music and at their Birmingham concert at the Symphony Hall on Saturday.

"They're all classic songs which ruled the airwaves," says Timmy Matley. "It's been a real pleasure to take on these big songs, we've stretched our voices — our vocal abilities, our

harmonies, our whole approach and moved into a different gear."

"Apart from making you dance, soul music really does hit you in the heart," adds Lachie Chapman. "There's also often such a beautiful sentiment behind these songs which is why we're still listening to them 50 years later."

The Overtones' three albums to date — Good Ol' Fashioned Love (2010), Higher (2012) and Saturday

Night At The Movies (2013) — established their reputation as a group to deliver consistently uplifting music infused with exquisite vocal harmonies.

Recent months have seen the boys join forces with Michael Ball on Let It Be Me, the first single taken from his new album If Everyone Was Listening. Timmy Matley also triumphed as the winner of BBC Children in Need's Great British Sewing Bee.

Dazzling Sun King ballet

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet next week unveils a brand new production from David Bintley as he celebrates 20 years as director of the Midlands' own ballet company.

The King Dances gets its premier at the BRB's home theatre, Birmingham Hippodrome, on Wednesday, June 17, as part of a double bill with Carmina burana, the first ballet that Bintley created for the company.

The King Dances draws inspiration from an episode in 1653 when the teenaged King Louis XIV earned his titled as the Sun King by playing the role of Apollo in a ballet staged for the royal court. The King Dances promises to be a visually striking spectacle. Award-winning designer Katrina Lindsay has spent months creating a world of werewolves and witches.

The production will be the focus of a BBC Four documentary to air in September where David Bintley will retrace the steps of Louis XIV in locations around France as well as going backstage during the creation of the ballet. The programme will feature a full screening of the production too.

Carmina burana is a thrilling epic danced to Carl Orff's dramatic choral music, that will be performed by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia with Birmingham's Ex Cathedra choir. The double bill will be performed until June 20. Then, from June 24 to 27, BRB stage time-travelling romantic comedy Sylvia with a cast of god, goddesses, slave girls and pirates. It features a lush score by Leo Delibes, again choreographed by David Bintley. For tickets see www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Sylvia has gods, goddesses, slave girls and pirates

Innocent theme for opera season

'A Terrible Innocence' is the theme for Welsh National Opera's works this weekend at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Richard Ayres' Peter Pan, based on the classic JM Barrie story of the magical boy who never grows up, is staged tonight (Thursday) with Iestyn Morris as Pan. It is followed tomorrow by Dominic Cooke's warm and witty production of Mozart's The Magic Flute. Kathryn Lewek will make her company debut with WNO as Queen of the Night.

On Saturday WNO stage their new production of Debussy's dreamlike Pelléas and Mélisande.

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Derulo announces city arena show

TICKETS have recently gone on sale for a series of newly announced concerts in Birmingham.

These include Want To Want Me chart-topper Jason Derulo at the city centre's Barclaycard Arena.

Take On Me Norwegian 80s pop sensations a-ha, featuring Morten Harket, are back with their first tour in five years to bring their Cast In Steel show to the Barclaycard Arena on March 29.

Before that Will Young returns to the pop circuit with a gig at the Symphony Hall on November 4 as part of his Love Revolution tour.

Doddy Dudley date for a diddy delight

VETERAN funnyman Ken Dodd has announced he's on his way to the Black Country.

The 87-year-old comic from Knotty Ash will bring his Happiness show to Dudley Town Hall on Saturday, June 20 — maybe fans should think about packing a flask and sandwiches as the iconic Scouse comedian's shows have a reputation for lasting a long time. Tickets for the 7pm show are £19 stalls and £22 balcony, online at www.dudley.gov.uk or call the box office on 01384 812812 or 0870 320 7000. Booking fees apply.

The next chance to see Doddy locally will be at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on December 13.

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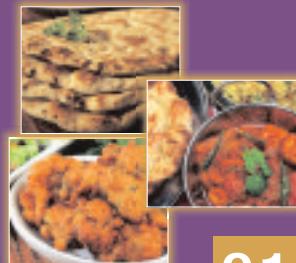


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Emma Willis

Prized Apart

(BBC1, 7pm)

New series. Adventure game show, presented by Emma Willis and Reggie Yates, in which 10 couples battle it out for the chance to win a life-changing prize. One member of each couple takes part in a series of challenges on location in Morocco, while the other is based at Farnborough airport, ready to answer a series of questions to potentially save their partner, should they find themselves in the bottom three and in danger of being eliminated. In this opening show, the adventurers have to jump from a helicopter and complete a jaw-dropping canyon swing, with the lowest-ranked three contestants flown back to their studio partners in the UK.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour. Huw Edwards introduces live coverage of the military ceremony at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall, central London, to mark Her Majesty's 65th birthday. **1.05** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Athletics. **2.20** Bargain Hunt. **(R) 3.20** Horner Under the Hammer. **(R) 4.20** Escape to the Continent. **(R) 5.20** Celebrity Mastermind. Emma Barton, Zoe Lyons, Tony Marshall and Jamie Bauch answer questions on the Carry On films, the life and work of Quentin Crisp, comedian Richard Pryor and Prince. **(R) 5.50** Pointless Celebrities. Christopher Biggins and Lesley Joseph join Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman for the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. **(R) 6.40** BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme

7.00 Prized Apart. New series. Adventure game show, presented by Emma Willis and Reggie Yates, in which 10 couples battle it out for the chance to win a life-changing prize. **8.05** The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. **8.55** Casualty. Louis sticks up for a lost teenage girl, unwittingly leading to his heroin addiction becoming common knowledge, and a patient die while under Dylan's care. **9.45** The John Bishop Show. An evening of entertainment at the Hackney Empire theatre in London, including performances by Florence and the Machine, Pete Firman, Tom Stade and Ellie Taylor. **10.30** BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.50** Not Going Out. Lee gets invited to a christening party being thrown by neighbours Toby and Anna – sending him and Lucy on a last-minute gift-buying trip. With Hugh Dennis and Abigail Cruttenden. **11.20** Film: Old School. (2003) Three friends relive the wild days of their youth by setting up their own fraternity house next to their old college campus. Comedy, starring Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn. **12.50** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Quick Gun. (1964) **7.30** Film: The Deadly Companions. (1961) **9.00** Animal Park. **(R) 9.30** Earthflight: Flying High. **(R) 10.30** The Box. **(R) 11.00** The Box. **(R) 11.30** The Box. **(R) 12.00** The Box. **(R) 12.30** Film: Suspicion. **(R) 1.20** Film: (1941) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Cary Grant. **2.05** Laurence Olivier: Talking Pictures. **(R) 2.40** Film: Rebecca. (1940) Romantic thriller, with Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. **4.45** Flog It! **(R) 5.30** Gardeners' World. **(R)**

6.00 Trooping the Colour: Highlights.

Huw Edwards introduces highlights from the morning's military ceremony at Horse Guards Parade in London, where the Colour of 1st Battalion Welsh Guards was trooped to mark the Queen's official birthday. **7.30** Edwardian Farm. Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn plough the land to plant potatoes and eat in the effort to secure some income, and are introduced to one of the Edwardian age's prime agricultural innovations – the tractor. Elsewhere, Ruth Goodman prepares for the arrival of the pigs by restoring an ingenious compost-maker. Peter starts to build a trout farm, and Alex learns to forge a billhook to maintain the hedgerows. **8.30** Dad's Army. The platoon competes against a rival unit for the honour of guarding Winston Churchill on a visit to Walmington-on-Sea. **9.00** The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Kirsty Wark and Morgan Quaintance visit Burlington House in Piccadilly to attend the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, which provides domestic and international artists with a chance to display their works alongside those of the Academy's most famous faces as part of the world's largest open-submission exhibition. **10.00** Mock the Week. Topical comedy quiz show, hosted by Dara O Briain. **(R)** **10.30** Film: Julie & Julia. (2009) Biopic telling the stories of 1960s American chef Julia Child and modern-day blogger Julie Powell, who tries to emulate her heroine in the kitchen. With Meryl Streep. **12.30** The Many Faces of Dick Emery. **(R) 1.30** Film: French Film. (2008) **2.55** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. **(R) 6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **(R) 6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **(R) 7.00** Criminals. **(R) 7.15** Sooty. **(R) 7.30** Sooty. **(R) 7.45** Sooty. **(R) 8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R) 1.35** Tipping Point. **(R) 2.35** 1000 Heartbeats. **(R)** **3.40** Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) The teenage wizard is alarmed to learn a dangerous fugitive sorcerer is searching for him. The third in the fantasy adventure series, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Gary Oldman. **6.10** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.20** ITV News: Weather. **6.30** You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps viewed by viewers, including a dog that steals a smartphone to film his own video, and trouble at church with the Language Barrier Bride. **(R)** **7.00** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. (2012) Premiere. Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is pulled out of his comfortable life when Gandalf the wizard volunteers him for a dangerous quest. He joins a party of dwarves who are on a mission to reclaim their lost homeland, which has been taken over by a dragon. The first part of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy based on JRR Tolkien's novel, starring Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage. **10.15** ITV News: Weather. **10.30** Film: 300. (2006) Leonidas, fearless king of Sparta, leads 300 of his finest warriors into battle against the vast invading armies of the ruler of the Persian empire. As the outnumbered Spartans fight for their country, their queen, Gorgo, tries to rally support for her husband at home. Fantasy action adventure based on Frank Miller and Lynn Varley's comic-book series, starring Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, Dominic West, David Wenham and Rodrigo Santoro. **12.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. **(R) 3.40** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. **(R) 6.40** How I Met Your Mother. **(R) 7.05** How I Met Your Mother. **(R) 7.30** FIM. Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Show. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R) 9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R) 10.00** Friends. **(R) 10.30** Frasier. **(R) 11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **(R) 11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **(R) 11.55** The Simpsons. **(R) 12.25** The Simpsons. **(R) 12.55** The Simpsons. **(R) 1.25** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York, Sandown Park and Musselburgh. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 4.45** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 5.15** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 5.50** Come Dine with Me. **(R)** **6.15** Come Dine with Me. Yvonne Finlayson hosts the final night of the cooking competition in Glasgow, offering her guests a combination of high-octane entertainment and scintillating chat. **(R)** **6.40** Channel 4 News. **7.00** The Trainer and the Racehorse: The Legend of Frankel. The story behind Frankel's rise to fame, as legendary trainer Sir Henry Cecil battled illness to bring to prominence one of the greatest horses to have graced the racetrack. **8.00** The Restoration Man. George Clarke follows a couple's project to transform a derelict flint mill in Stone, Staffordshire, and uncovers a link between the building and the work of Josiah Wedgwood. **9.00** The 90s: Ten Years That Changed the World. Kathy Burke narrates this look back at the 1990s revolution in British music, fashion and art, seen through media, as told by the people who made it happen. Featuring a music soundtrack from the time, the programme charts the rise of Britpop, the impact on the art world of Damien Hirst, and how David Beckham helped to make football fashionable again. Contributors include Jarvis Cocker, the Happy Mondays, Irvine Welsh, Keith Allen and Jo Whiley. **10.35** TFI Friday. Chris Evans hosts a one-off edition of the entertainment show that was at the heart of '90s Britpop. Guests include Blur and Shaun Ryder. **(R)** **12.10** Film: In Bruges. (2008) **2.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **(R) 2.55** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. **(R) 3.50** Hollyoaks. **(R) 5.55** How I Met Your Mother. **(R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.00** The Secret Life of Pets. **(R) 11.00** Cowboy Builders & Dodge Jobs. **(R) 12.00** Cowboy Builders & Dodge Jobs. **(R) 1.00** Cowboy Builders & Dodge Jobs. **(R) 2.00** The Dog's Combo: Requiem for a Falling Star. (1973) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.20** GPS: Behind Closed Doors. **(R) 4.20** The Dog Rescues with Alan Davies. **(R) 5.15** Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel. **(R)** **6.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A dispute arising from a failed business venture, and the fury surrounding the construction of an extension that saw damage to an adjacent property. Last in the series. **(R)** **7.00** Can't We Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Steve discover a locked wooden case when they are called to evict tenants from a flat in London's Docklands. Opening it up, they realise they urgently need police back-up – and the property quickly becomes a crime scene. **(R)** **7.55** 5 News Weekend. **8.00** She's 78, He's 39: Age Gap Love. Six people whose partners are much younger than they are reveal why being of different generations is no barrier to romance. Marilyn's relationship with husband William began when she was 45 and he was 16 and was tested from the start by abuse from friends and neighbours; while Edna (78) and Simon (39) bonded over their mutual love of organ music. Mike (78) is coping with an eight-week-old baby alongside wife Lindsey, who is 41 years his junior, while 59-year-old Gary enjoys clubbing in Ibiza with his spouse Kate, who is half his age. **(R)** **9.00** Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend – or enemy. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **10.00** Live: World Championship Boxing. Lee Haskins v Ryosuke Iwasa. Coverage of the bout for the IBF Interim World Bantamweight title from Whitchurch Sports Centre in Bristol. **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. **(R) 4.00** Violent Assault: Caught on Camera. **(R) 4.50** Make It Big. **(R) 5.45** Angels of Jarm. **(R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Top Gear India Special **8.30** Match of the Day Live: Women's World Cup. England v Mexico (Kick-off 9.00pm). **11.05** Family Guy **1.40** Murder in Successville **2.10** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **2.40** Festivals, Sex & Suspicious Parents **3.40** Jenny Bede: AAA **4.00** Close **BBC Four** **7.00** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **8.00** Monkey Planet **9.00** Film: Echoes from the Dead (2013) **10.05** The Richest Song in the World **12.05** Duets at the BBC **1.05** Top of the Pops (1980) **4.40** Film: When Wartime was Golden – Grappling, Grunts and Grannies **2.45** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **3.45** Close **ITV2** **12.45** Film: Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **2.35** Midsomer 3.00: Tomato Pickers **Guinness World Records** **3.25** Art & Dec's Saturday Morning **4.00** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.50** Film: The Vow (2012) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Film: Couples Retreat (2009) **12.20** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.55** Love Island **1.55** Crazy Beaches **2.15** totally Bonkers **2.40** Film: Record Breakers **4.00** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Teleshopping **ITV3** **1.05** Wire in the Blood **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4** **11.40** Cycling: Tour Series **12.40** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **2.15** Life's a Cycle: Stages of a Cyclist **7.00** Storage Wars **7.00** Cycling **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** TT 2015 **10.00** Film: Casino Royale (2006) **12.45** TT 2015 **1.40** Gunsmoke **2.35** Highway Patrol **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4** **11.00** Melrose & Joey **12.00** Baby Daddy **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Film: The Simpsons Movie (2007) **5.50** Rude(s)h! Tube Shorts **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Max Payne (2008) **11.00** Gogglebox **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.15** 2 Broke Girls **2.40** How I Met Your Mother **3.20** Rules of Engagement **4.05** The Cleveland Show **4.30** Make It or Break It **Film4** **11.00** Bless This House (1971) **1.00** Gulliver's Travels (2010) **2.45** The Phantom (1996) **4.45** Planet of the Apes (1968) **6.55** The Company Men (2010) **9.00** 21 & Over (2013) **10.45** Hobo with a Shotgun (2011) **12.25** Clerks (1994) **2.15** Revenge of the Nerds (1984) **4.00** Close



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Katherine Parkinson

Humans
(Channel 4, 9pm)

Have you seen an advert on Channel 4 from Persona Synthetics, suggesting you can buy a creepy realistic robot called Sally to take care of all your domestic chores? Well, we're sorry to disappoint you, but that was just a teaser for this highly anticipated eight-part sci-fi drama. A couple buy a synthetic human, or "synth" to help around the house, but the new arrival threatens to expose their secrets. A retired engineer's paternal relationship with his own synth is threatened by a malfunction, an android and his owner go on the run, and a detective grows suspicious of his wife's close bond with her synth. William Hurt, Colin Morgan, Katherine Parkinson, Gemma Chan and Will Tudor star.

1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.05 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Live at the Apollo. Nina Conti hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Rob Beckett and Jimi One. Last in the series. (R)

11.15 Film: High Fidelity. (2000) A second-hand record shop owner snaps out of his obsession with list-making and music when his latest girlfriend dumps him, and decides to track down some of his old flames to find out why his relationships have always failed. Romantic comedy based on the novel by Nick Hornby, starring John Cusack and Iben Hjejle.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Prized Apart. (R) 2.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.05 The Truth About You. (R) 4.05 Points of View. 4.20 Lifeline. 4.30 Songs of Praise. 5.05 Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) 5.35 Animals Unexpected. 6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. The team explores Nottinghamshire, where Matt Baker visits a village farm still being run as it was in the Middle Ages and visits the tree in Sherwood Forest where King John had his parliament. (R) 7.30 Harrison looks for urban birds and gets a lesson in horse anatomy. Adam Henson discovers the most dangerous job in farming. Joe Crowley scales a pylon and Tom Heap investigates rural crime, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The roving team values more decorative objects and rarities belonging to the public.

9.00 Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.

Strange returns home a hero after helping to win the Battle of Waterloo, and resolves to write a book on ancient magic – to Norrell's horror. Strange's hopes for the future are shattered by a tragedy in his life, and following a confrontation with Norrell, he flees the country, determined to learn the truth about the fairy world – even if doing so costs him his sanity. 10.00 BBC News.

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BBC2

6.15 The Big Allotment Challenge. (R) 7.15 Countryfile. (R) 8.40 Greatest Gardens. 9.10 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.40 Saturday Kitchen: Best Bites. 11.15 The Box. (R) 11.45 The Box. (R) 12.15 Barry's Absolute Favourites. 12.45 Athletics. 1.45 Film: They Came to Cordura.

1.45 Film: Jurassic Park. (1993)

Action adventure, starring Sam Neill.

4.00 Regional Programme: Weather.

4.15 ITV News: Weather. 4.30 Live International Football. Slovenia v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).

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CHANNEL 4

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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 6.35 Pig Ahoy. (R) 6.45 The Men Show. (R) 7.00 Clangers v. Gorg. (R) 7.10 Milkshake! Boy Bow. 7.15 Robbie and Custard Too. (R) 7.20 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.35 Paw Patrol. 7.45 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 8.15 Big and Quack. (R) 8.25 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 8.40 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.50 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.00 LazyTown. (R) 9.25 Olly the Little White Van. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.45 Olly the Little White Van. (R) 9.50 Film: She's the Man. (2006) Love Island. 10.00 Film: Snow Dogs. (2002) 11.45 Horizon: What Happened Before the Big Bang? 12.45 I'm in a Girl Group! 1.45 Otis Redding: Soul Ambassador. (R) 2.45 Classic Soul at the BBC. 3.45 Close

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great TV Mistakes 7.10 Film: Bend It Like Beckham (2002) 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.10 Family Guy 11.30 Murder in Successville (2002) 12.00 Russell Howard's Good News 1.00 Festivals, Sex & Suspicious Parents 2.00 Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment 2.30 Murder in Successville 3.00 Where Am I Sleeping Tonight? 4.00 Close

BBC Four

7.00 Mission to Mars: A Horizon Special 8.00 Sky at Night: Rosetta Update. A Comet's Story 8.30 The Wonders of the Oceans 9.00 Keri-Anne's Adventures of Cillian Murphy 10.00 Film: Snow Dogs. (2002) 11.45 Horizon: What Happened Before the Big Bang? 12.45 I'm in a Girl Group! 1.45 Otis Redding: Soul Ambassador 2.45 Classic Soul at the BBC. 3.45 Close

ITV2

11.35 Take Me Out 12.50 Take Me Out – The Goss 1.35 Film: The Perfect Man (2005)

3.40 Film: Happy Feet (2006) 5.50 Love Island 6.50 Film: She's the Man (2006) Love Island 10.00 Film: Knocked Up (2007)

12.35 Love Island 1.35 Crazy Beaches 2.00 Life's Funnest Moments 2.25 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

9.00 Caroline Quentin's National Parks

10.00 The Little House 11.05 Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) 1.20 Blue Murder 2.35 Judge Judy 3.15 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

ITV4

11.20 Superhubs – When Britain Ruled the World 12.30 TT 2014 2.30 Live Cycling. Stage eight of the Critérium du Dauphiné.

4.15 Storage Wars 4.45 Film: The Horse Soldiers (1959) 7.15 Live International Football. Belarus v Spain (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Film: The Boat That Rocked (2009) 1.45 River Monsters 2.40 Nitro Circus 3.00 Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Made in Chelsea 1.00 Melissa & Joey

2.00 How I Met Your Mother 3.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.00 The Goldbergs 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Film: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.50 Gogglebox 11.55 The Inbetweeners 1.00 Virtually Famous 1.50 Tattoos After Dark 2.45 New Girl 3.30 Hollywood

Film4

11.00 On the Fiddle (1961) 1.00 The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) 3.05 Big Business

1988 (1992) 5.00 California Man (1992) 6.45 The Time Traveler's Wife (2009) 9.00 Iron Man (2008) 11.25 How and Glory (1987) 1.40 Late Chrysanthemums (1954) 3.50 Close

CHOICE

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Prized Apart. (R) 2.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.05 The Truth About You. (R) 4.05 Points of View. 4.20 Lifeline. 4.30 Songs of Praise. 5.05 Nigel Storer: Eating Together. (R) 5.35 Animals Unexpected. 6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. The team explores

Nottinghamshire, where Matt Baker visits a village farm still

being run as it was in the Middle

Ages and visits the tree in

Sherwood Forest where King John

had his parliament. (R) 7.30 Harrison looks for urban birds and

gets a lesson in horse anatomy.

Adam Henson discovers the most

dangerous job in farming. Joe

Crowley scales a pylon and Tom

Heap investigates rural crime,

including Weather for the Week

Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The roving

team values more decorative

objects and rarities belonging to

the public.

9.00 Jonathan Strange & Mr Nor

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Crimes of the Mind, Channel 5, 3.10pm

Carolyn Raeburn signs her 16-year-old daughter Laura up for a few weeks of horse-riding lessons at a remote ranch, but the teenager ends up being brainwashed by a woman who grooms her to take the place of her own murdered child. Carolyn spends the next five years of her life and more than half a million dollars fighting to get her Laura back. Fact-based thriller, starring Christina Cox and Paula Trickey. (2014)

TUESDAY

Creation, BBC1, 11.25pm

Biopic of Charles Darwin, examining the formation of the 19th-century naturalist's groundbreaking theories of evolution in the wake of his daughter's death. As he prepares to share his ideas, he begins to fear the impact his findings may have on the world – and on his relationship with his devoutly Christian wife. Starring Paul Bettany and Jennifer Connelly. (2009)



Creation, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.25pm

WEDNESDAY

The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud, Channel 4, 2.25am

A man who survived the car crash that killed his brother becomes consumed with guilt. Taking a job in a cemetery, he begins seeing visions of his dead sibling and spends every night in the graveyard with him. Drama, starring Zac Efron. (2010)

THURSDAY

Imaginary Friend, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman experiences visions of her childhood imaginary friend, whom she created for emotional support while being abused by her father. Fearing she is losing her mind, she takes drastic measures to rid herself of the hallucinations. Thriller, starring Lacey Chabert and Ethan Embry. (2012)

FRIDAY

The Lady, BBC2, 11.25pm

Biopic of Burmese politician and democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi, who was placed under house arrest by the country's military junta following a disregarded general election in 1990. She spent the next 15 years as a political prisoner, campaigning for free elections. Starring Michelle Yeoh. (2011)

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Famous faces take on the culinary challenge

Can you believe it's been nearly a year since actress Sophie Thompson beat fellow finalists Charley Boorman and Jodie Kidd, to be crowned Celebrity MasterChef?

Perhaps that's because the MC franchise is rarely off the air.

Nevertheless, John Torode and Gregg Wallace return with the 'Slab' version tonight, putting their taste buds through a range of lip-smacking and possibly distasteful dishes, as they seek out which stars have the palate and skill to secure a place in the semi-finals.

This summer, a sizzling line-up from the worlds of music, sport and showbiz will be on air to satisfy your television palate by battling it out in the show's 10th anniversary series.

The 20 apron-clad celebrities hoping to follow in the footsteps of Thompson, are actors Scott Maslen, Tish Potter, Craig Gazey, Amanda Donohoe and actor and presenter Sheree Murphy; soul singer and presenter Mica Paris; former Girls Aloud singer Sarah Harding; Pussycat

Doll Kimberly Wyatt; The Wanted singer Tom Parker; singer-songwriter Chesney Hawkes; one half of TV presenter duo Sam and Mark, Sam Nixon; presenters Keith Chegwin, Andy Akinwolere, Most Haunted presenter Yvette Fielding, and TV presenter and singer Rylan Clark; comedian Syd Little; choreographer Arlene Phillips; journalist, writer and broadcaster Samira Ahmed; professional dancer Natalie Lowe; and British Paralympian world-record-holder Danny Crates.

Executive Producer for the BBC, Carla-Maria Lawson, says: "This year's intake of celebrities are among the most skilled to brave the MasterChef challenge. Their culinary journey makes for a thoroughly entertaining and thrilling ride."

The first four weeks concentrate on whittling down the celebrities, and testing their abilities until the best eight go through to the fifth and semi-final week.

This first episode sees Harding, Hawkes, Fielding, Murphy and Potter face the infamous invention test.

Then, two of the celebs are thrown in at the deep end at Asian cuisine specialists, Novikov, while the other three try to deliver the award-winning modern menu of Sixtyone.

Finally, back at MasterChef HQ, the contestants prepare a two-course menu of their own choosing before John and Gregg make their decisions.

Two celebrities from each heat week make it through to the semi-finals, where they must endure even more nerve-racking culinary trials, before the sixth and final week sees the remaining, and now hopefully impressive cooks, draw on all the skills they have learnt, when they face not only Torode's tricky Palate Test, but also the notorious restaurant critics in the terrifying Critic's Test.

After this, they return to MC HQ and cook their best three-course meal for John and Gregg, before the judges decide who is the true cooking star worthy of following in the footsteps of previous winners Thompson, Ade Edmondson, Nigella, Kennedy, Phil Vickery, Lisa Faulkner, Jayne Middlemiss, Liz McColgan, Nadia Sawalha and Matt Dawson.



John Torode and Gregg Wallace in Celebrity MasterChef, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Met
BBC1, 9pm

Detective John Sandlin investigates when a 34-year-old father is mistaken for another man and stabbed to death outside a pub in central London, while DS Tracey Miller is on the hunt for a sex offender who has been targeting Muslim women in the Brixton area. Notting Hill Carnival is the biggest event in the Metropolitan Police's calendar, with 13,000 officers on duty over the August bank holiday weekend, and the pressure is on for them to balance the carnival spirit with keeping the public safe.

Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild
Channel 4, 9pm

The Grand Designs presenter travels to the foothills of the Andes in Chile to meet a family of five from south London who quit the daily grind to build a new home in the shadow of an active volcano. Kevin arrives at the site on horseback to discover that Jago and Lucy are still in the process of constructing their new home using bags filled with soil and timber from the local forest, which they transport by oxen. He is impressed by the structure, but troubled by one key question. Why choose to live next door to a highly volatile volcano?

TUESDAY

Attenborough's Big Birds: Natural World
BBC2, 8pm

Meet the big birds, a feathered family who've never flown a day in their lives. From ostriches to kiwis, these bizarre avian adventurers appear to be one of nature's greatest novelty acts. How they came to be and how they continue to survive is a fascinating tale that has long captivated David Attenborough. In this programme, he explores their secrets, telling a story of dedicated dads, enormous eggs and a serious need for speed.

Dara O Briain meets Stephen Hawking
BBC1, 10.35pm

Since he was a teenager, motor-mouthed comedian Dara O Briain has been fascinated by theoretical physics and the work of Professor Stephen Hawking, one of the world's most celebrated scientists. In this film, Dara spends time with his boyhood hero at his home and place of work in Cambridge, interviewing Hawking's family and friends to gain an insight into the daily life of a man whose theories have had a huge impact on the general populace.

WEDNESDAY

DIY SOS: The Big Build
BBC1, 8pm

Wednesday is fast becoming the most emotional night of the week – anyone in need of a good sob can watch DIY SOS and then turn over to ITV for Long Lost Family. This Big Build looks set to be particularly moving, as it introduces us to Hull couple Liz and Jason Liversidge, who married in 2009 and quickly started a family. However, just as Jason embarked on doing up a house, he was diagnosed with the rare genetic condition Fabry disease.

The couple were shocked to discover that their two daughters would also have the same condition, and they received another blow, as Jason was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Can Nick Knowles and the team ensure the Liversidges have a home that meets their needs?

Dara O Briain meets Stephen Hawking, Tuesday, BBC1, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

The Tribe
Channel 4, 9pm

Documentary about a rural African tribe living together in four mud huts in southern Ethiopia. It's a stressful time for family elders Aye Muko and Kerri Bodo, whose son is due to get married to a girl from a neighbouring village. However, after failed dowry negotiations, relations between the two families have broken down. Meanwhile, their only daughter remaining at home is Hacho, who is next in line to marry. As she clings on to her last few months of freedom, she skips family dinners, dishes out endless backchat and steals her mother's money – just like any other rebellious teenager.

FRIDAY

Sarah Millican Home Bird Live
Channel 4, 10pm

The British Comedy Award's Queen of Comedy returns with a brand new live show filmed during her sell-out nationwide tour, Home Bird. Performing to her home crowd at the Newcastle Tyne Theatre, the South Shields lass describes how she is becoming more domesticated, giving up the party scene (well, Ann Summers), easing off on the drinking (fizzy pop equals wealthy dentists) and is settling down (taking her bra off).

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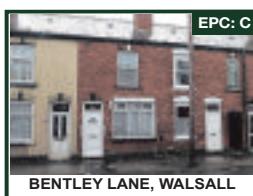
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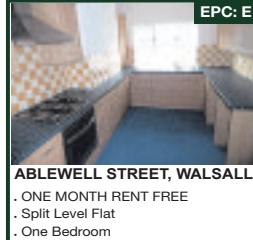
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- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Allocated parking
- Communal Gardens
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Energy Rating - D **NEW**

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- Detached house
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- PVCu double glazed
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- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
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- 3 bedrooms, shower room/WC
- Garage, parking and gardens
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- bathroom/WC
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Energy Rating - C

Mulberry Road, Dudley Fields, Bloxwich

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- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway
- Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£105,000

Energy Rating - D

Tonadine Close, Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
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- 2 bedrooms, shower room/WC
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- Garden
- Must Be Viewed

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Energy Rating - F

Reduced

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Energy Rating - C

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Green Rock Lane, Blakenall, Walsall

- Corner shop with living space
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- Shop with frontage, 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Tandem length garage
- Large Gardens
- Dual Driveways
- Freehold

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Energy Rating - D

Sneyd Lane, Essington, Wolverhampton

- Extended well presented Semi-Detached
- No onward chain
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- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
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- 4 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Parking and Gardens
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Energy Rating - E

Reduced

Wilkes Avenue, Bentley, Walsall

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- Shower Room, Garage
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- Must Be Viewed

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Energy Rating - D

Stafford Close, Bloxwich

- Detached House
- Gas central heating
- PVCu double glazing
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage
- Rear Garden
- No Onward Chain

£249,950

Energy Rating - D

Baytree Close, Bloxwich

- Detached bungalow
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage, gardens
- Driveway
- No Onward Chain

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Energy Rating - D

Sherringham Drive, The Hamlet, Essington

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Conservatory, utility room
- 4 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage, drive, gardens
- Must View

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Energy Rating - C

Reduced

Lichfield Road, Bloxwich

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SOLD
246 BRADBURY LANE,
HEDNESFORD, WS12 4EP
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT
CURRENTLY PRODUCING £4,160 P.A.
◆ Semi detached house
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Gardens
◆ EPC rating D (61)
GUIDE PRICE £90,000 - £110,000



LOT 5
SOLD
339 LONGFORD ROAD,
CANNOCK, WS11 1NG
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Semi detached bungalow
◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Fully double glazed
◆ Gardens
◆ EPC rating D (61)
GUIDE PRICE £90,000 - £110,000



LOT 6
SOLD
48 PENDLE HILL,
HEDNESFORD, WS12 1LW
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Semi detached dormer style house
◆ Two/three bedrooms
◆ Gas fired central heating (Not
tested)
◆ Part double glazed
◆ In need of comprehensive
refurbishment
◆ EPC rating E (39)
GUIDE PRICE £120,000 - £140,000



LOT 7
SOLD
LAND TO WEST OF REDMOOR
ROAD, GENTLESHAW
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Pasture land
◆ Extending to 1.00 acre or
thereabouts
◆ Crossed by Shaw Brook
◆ Road frontage and gated access
from Redmoor Road
GUIDE PRICE £10,000 - £20,000



LOT 8
SOLD
23 LITTLEWOOD ROAD,
CHESLYN HAY, WS6 7EU
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Attractive semi detached cottage
◆ Standing on good size corner plot
◆ Ample off road parking
◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ In need of some repair and
improvement
◆ EPC rating E (44)
GUIDE PRICE £135,000+



LOT 9
SOLD
SITE OF FORMER ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION, BOW STREET, RUGELEY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Freehold residential development
site
◆ Good sized site having the benefit of
planning permission for the erection
of a terrace of 3 houses together with
one detached house
◆ Site area 0.183 Acres or thereabouts
as called by Promap software.
GUIDE PRICE £120,000 - £150,000



LOT 10
SOLD
3 CROSS STREET, CHESLYN
HAY, WS6 7DT
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL
INVESTMENT PRODUCING £3,895 P.A.
◆ larger than average inner terraced
house
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ EPC rating F (33)
GUIDE PRICE £70,000



LOT 11
SOLD
5 CROSS STREET, CHESLYN
HAY, WS6 7DT
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL
INVESTMENT PRODUCING £3,895 P.A.
◆ Larger than average end terraced
house
◆ Gas central heating
◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ EPC rating F (35)
GUIDE PRICE £55,000



LOT 12
SOLD
LAND TO REAR OF 30 TO 34 MARKET
STREET, HEDNESFORD, WS12 8AE
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Residential development site
◆ With benefit of planning permission
to erect four one bedroome
apartments
GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £60,000



LOT 13
SOLD
212 BRADBURY LANE,
HEDNESFORD, WS12 4EP
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Semi detached house
◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ Gas central heating
◆ In need of some improvement
◆ Ideal buy to let
◆ EPC rating D (63)
GUIDE PRICE £40,000+



LOT 14
SOLD
60 SCHOOL
LANE, CHASE
TERRACE,
WS7 1LD
FREEHOLD
WITH VACANT
POSSESSION
◆ Detached house ◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Gas central heating ◆ Part double glazed
◆ Requires comprehensive refurbishment or may be suitable for
redevelopment (subject to planning permission)
◆ EPC rating F (28)
GUIDE PRICE £120,000 - £150,000

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19 Cottle Close, Bentley, Walsall
3 Bedroom Mid Terraced Property
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Guide: £74,000-£78,000



13 Jefferson Place, West Bromwich
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Apartments 1-3 York Road, Erdington
Investment Comprising 3 Self Contained Units
Current Gross Income: £15,660 pa
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TEMPLE ROAD, WILLENNHALL
Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C & First Floor Shower Room. D/G, G/C/H. O/R/P To Fore. Enclosed Rear Garden. MUST VIEW!

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LISTER STREET, WILLENNHALL
Three Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Porch, Inner Hall, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Generous Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Sun Room & Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H. O/R/P To The Fore & Enclosed Garden To Rear.

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BENTLEY



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BRACKENDALE



DURSLEY CLOSE, WILLENNHALL
Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Porch, Hall, Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom & Loft Room. D/G, G/C/H. Gardens To Front & Rear. Converted Garage (Storage / Play Room), Driveway & Carport.

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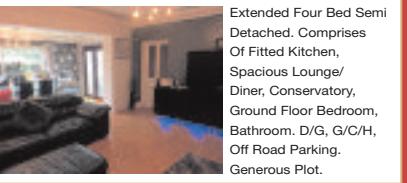
BRAEMAR CLOSE, WILLENNHALL
Three Bed Semi. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen/Diner And Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H. Gardens To Both Front & Rear. Extensive Driveway Parking To The Front/Side.

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WESTERN AVE, WALSALL
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HORTON PLACE, WEDNESBURY
Three Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, D/G & E/H. Outside There Is A Secure Gated Parking Space And Garage. MUST VIEW!

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BOOTH STREET, WEDNESBURY
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BILSTON LANE, WILLENNHALL
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£85,000



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Three Bed Detached. Comprises Of Porch, Hall, Guest W.C, Lounge, Spacious Kitchen/Diner, Kitchen, Family Bathroom. Maj D/G, G/C/H. Garden To Fore, O/R/P. Extensive Gardens To Rear.

£185,000



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WESTERN AVE, WALSALL
Three Bed Mid Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Inner Hall, Kitchen, Rear Porch & Fitted Family Bathroom. D/G, G/C/H. Front & Rear Gardens.

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- EPC Rating TBC, Hallway

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- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

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Viewing:



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- Porch
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- Modern bathroom

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- 4 Bedroom terraced house
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge
- EPC C, Dining room

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Viewing:



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
- Entrance porch and hallway
- Lounge
- EPC D, Kitchen/diner

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000

Viewing:



- 3 Bedroom semi detached house
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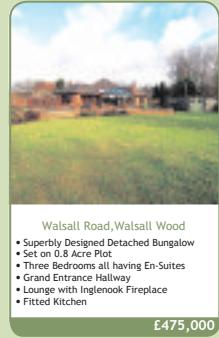




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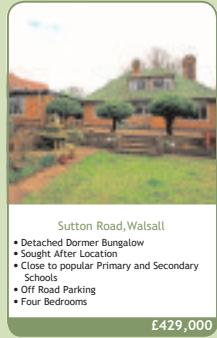


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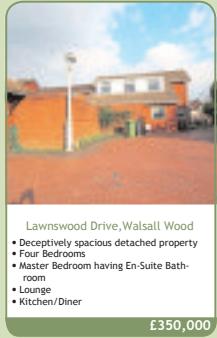
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• Off Road Parking
• Four Bedrooms

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• Close Proximity To Popular Schools
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Lawnswood Drive, Walsall Wood
• Deceptively spacious detached property
• Four Bedrooms
• Master Bedroom having En-Suite Bathroom
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner

£350,000



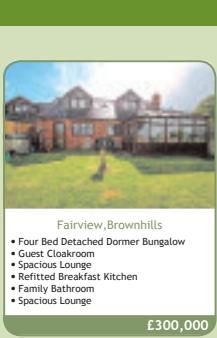
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Westminster Road, Rushall
• No Upward Chain
• Executive Detached Residence
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Two Reception Rooms
• Study

£300,000



Fairview, Brownhills
• Four Bed Detached Dorner Bungalow
• Guest Cloakroom
• Spacious Lounge
• Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
• Family Bathroom
• Spacious Lounge

£300,000



Stamping Way, Bloxwich
• Detached Four Bedroom Three Storey
• Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen/Diner
• Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
• Three Further Bedrooms

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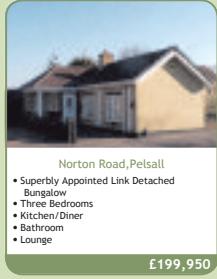
Vernon Way, Bloxwich
• Two Bed Detached Bungalow
• One Reception Room
• Fully Fitted Kitchen
• Ground Floor Bathroom
• Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

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Chester Road, Brownhills
• Modern Detached Property
• Excellent Transport Links
• Off Road Parking
• Spacious Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen Open To Dining Room
• Conservatory

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Norton Road, Pelsall
• Superbly Appointed Link Detached
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• Three Bedrooms
• Kitchen/Diner
• Bathroom
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Selsdon Road, Turnberry Estate
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• Lounge
• Dining Room

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Lichfield Road, Shelfield
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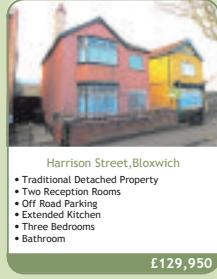
Ogley Road, Brownhills
• Superb Detached Family Residence
• No Upward Chain
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms
• Converted Garage to Office/Playroom
• Refitted Breakfast Kitchen

£165,000



Daw End Lane, Rushall
• Victorian Style Mid Terrace
• Rushall Primary and Shelfield Secondary Schools Nearby
• Easy Access to Walsall Town Centre
• Two Reception Rooms
• Kitchen

£130,000



Harrison Street, Bloxwich
• Traditional Detached Property
• Two Reception Rooms
• Off Road Parking
• Extended Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms
• Bathroom

£129,950



Tannery Court, Walsall
• Exclusive New Build Development
• 10 Year NHBC Guarantee
• Located Close to Walsall Town Centre
• End Town House
• Ground Floor Cloakroom
• Fitted Gloss Kitchen/Diner

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Oakridge Close, Willenhall
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Family Bathroom
• Entrance Porch
• Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

£126,000



Leighs Road, Shelfield
• Three bedroom Semi-Detached
• Kitchen/Diner
• Lounge
• Conservatory
• Bathroom
• Off Road Parking

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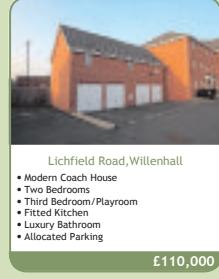
Station Street, Walsall
• Unique Split Level Mews House
• Prime Location in Town Centre
• Original Character Features
• Lounge with feature fireplace
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms

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Ada Wrighton Close, Willenhall
• Well Presented Town House
• Cul-de-Sac Location
• Lounge
• Fitted Kitchen
• Integral Garage
• Three Bedrooms

£125,000



Lichfield Road, Willenhall
• Modern Coach House
• Two Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms/Playroom
• Fitted Kitchen
• Luxury Bathroom
• Allocated Parking

£110,000



Buxton Close, Lower Farm
• No Upward Chain
• Sought After Lower Farm Estate
• Extended Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Two Reception Rooms
• Delightful Front & Rear Gardens
• Three Bedrooms

£110,000



Bealeys Close, Bloxwich
• Stunning Ground Floor Apartment
• Converted Manor House
• Ideal Investment
• Excellent Transport Links
• Exclusive Development
• Two Allocated Parking Spaces

£110,000



Lichfield Road, Willenhall
• Two Bed End of Terrace
• Lounge/Diner
• Fitted Kitchen
• Family Bathroom with Shower
• Enclosed Rear Garden
• Off Road Parking

£110,000



Loriners Grove, Walsall
• Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
• Lounge/Dining Room
• Fitted Kitchen
• Family Bathroom
• Enclosed Rear Garden
• Allocated Gated Parking

£110,000



Wallace Road, Brownhills
• No Upward Chain
• Sought After Location
• Close Proximity to the High Street
• 0.7 Miles from Watling Street Primary School
• Delightful Front & Rear Gardens

£110,000



Littleton Road, Willenhall
• Ideal First Purchase or Family Home
• Located Close to New Invention School
• Off Road Parking
• Garage
• Front & Rear Gardens

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Bloxwich Road, Leamore
• Refurbished Victorian Terrace
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Refitted Kitchen
• Through Lounge
• Ground Floor WC
• Refitted First Floor Bathroom

£90,000



West Street, Leamore
• No Upward Chain
• Well Presented End-Of-Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Breakfast Kitchen
• Modern Bathroom
• Three Bedrooms

£90,000



Netley Road, Bloxwich
• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
• In Need of Some Modernisation
• Popular Mossley Development
• Ideal First Time Buy or Buy-To-Let
• Lounge
• Breakfast Kitchen

£89,950



Dora Street, Walsall
• Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
• Two Reception Rooms
• Recently Fitted Kitchen
• Rear Lobby with Utility
• Guest W.C.
• Two Double Bedrooms

£85,000



Manorhouse Close, Walsall
• Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
• Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
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• Family Bathroom
• Double Glazing
• Gas Central Heating

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• IDEAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
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• Bathroom
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Curlew Drive, Walsall
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£264,995



Coalheath Lane, Walsall
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 • Three Bedrooms
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 • Large Driveway

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Field Road, Walsall
 • Imposing Detached Property
 • Extended Kitchen/Diner
 • Garage
 • Off Road Parking
 • Superb Rear Garden
 • Two Reception Rooms

£240,000



Tasker Street, Walsall
 • IMPOSING THREE STOREY NEW BUILD
 • FOUR BEDROOMS
 • TWO EN-SUITE
 • KITCHEN/DINER
 • LOUNGE
 • FRONT & REAR GARDENS

£235,000



Lincoln Road, Walsall
 • Three Bed Detached
 • breakfast kitchen
 • spacious lounge
 • bathroom to the ground floor
 • en-suite to
 • delightful gardens

£220,000



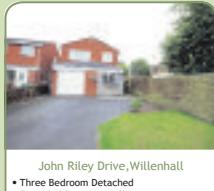
Catches Drive, Walsall
 • Three Storey Town House
 • Garage
 • Off Road Parking
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Two En-Suites
 • Kitchen/Diner

£165,000



Mayfields Drive, Walsall
 • Extended Modern Family Home
 • Sought After Cul-De-Sac Location
 • Spacious Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
 • Lounge
 • Dining Area
 • Refitted Family Bathroom

£159,950



John Riley Drive, Willenhall
 • Three Bedroom Detached
 • Extended Entrance Hall
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliance
 • Family Bathroom
 • Integral Garage

£139,950



Beechtree Road, Walsall
 • Entrance Hall
 • Cloakroom
 • Lounge
 • Dining Room
 • Kitchen
 • Three Bedrooms

£139,950



Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall
 • Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge/Dining Room
 • Kitchen
 • Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom
 • Ground Floor Wet Room
 • Three Bedrooms

£135,000



The Pines, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Extended
 • Lounge/Dining Room
 • Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom
 • Conservatory
 • Garage/Games Room

£135,000



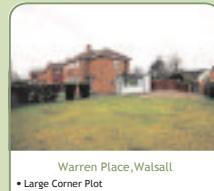
Newhome Way, Walsall
 • Three Storey Town House
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Garage
 • Off Road Parking
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Spacious Lounge with Juliet Balcony

£135,000



Cross Street, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Town House
 • Sought After Pelsall Village
 • Delightful Front and Rear Gardens
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Parking Area

£120,000



Warren Place, Walsall
 • Large Corner Plot
 • End of Terrace
 • Popular Cul-de-Sac location
 • Lounge with dual aspect windows
 • Kitchen
 • Utility Room

£120,000



Yorkshire Grove, Walsall
 • Show Home Condition
 • Modern Semi-Detached
 • Sought After Jubilee Gardens Development
 • Lounge
 • Guest WC
 • Open Plan Kitchen/Living Room

£120,000



Ida Road, Walsall
 • Investment Opportunity
 • pLANNING Permission Approved For Conversion To Flats
 • Semi - Detached
 • Close To Walsall Town Centre
 • Close To Walsall Manor Hospital

£120,000



Wilkin Road, Walsall
 • Much Improved End of Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Breakfast Kitchen
 • Refitted Luxury Bathroom
 • Two Double Bedrooms and Further Loft Room

£118,000



Yew Tree Road, Walsall
 • Refreshed Semi-Detached
 • Ideal First Time Purchase or Buy-To-Let
 • Three Bedrooms
 • Refitted Kitchen/Diner
 • Refitted First Floor Bathroom
 • Lounge

£115,000



Irvine Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Corner Plot With Large Rear Garden
 • Garage
 • Off Road Parking
 • Kitchen/Diner
 • Luxury Bathroom

£115,000



Chantry Avenue, Walsall
 • Spacious Semi-Detached
 • Corner Plot
 • Large Side Garage
 • Ideal First Purchase or Family Home
 • Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
 • Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

£110,000



Walkers Fold, Willenhall
 • Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Lounge/Diner
 • Kitchen
 • Two Double Bedrooms
 • Family Bathroom
 • Front & Rear Gardens

£100,000



Rough Brook Road, Walsall
 • Show Home Style Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
 • Kitchen/Dining Room
 • Fitted Kitchen including Integrated Appliances
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower

£100,000



Hawbush Road, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
 • Two Reception Rooms
 • Side Entrance
 • Utility/Guest W.C.
 • Family Bathroom

£97,000



Terret Close, Walsall
 • Modern Two Bedroom Apartment
 • Located Close to Walsall Town Centre
 • Allocated Car Parking
 • Secure Communal Entrance
 • Lounge with Juliet Balconies

£95,000



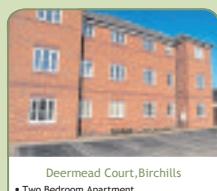
Hilton Close, Walsall
 • Three Bedroom Town House
 • Entrance Hallway
 • Guest WC
 • Lounge
 • Dining Room
 • Fitted Kitchen

£94,950



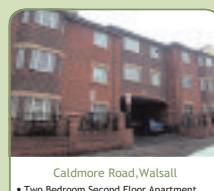
Sneyd Lane, Walsall
 • Much Improved Town House
 • Three Generous Bedrooms
 • Lounge
 • Superb Kitchen/Diner
 • Ground Floor WC
 • Modern Bathroom

£90,000



Deermead Court, Birchills
 • Two Bedroom Apartment
 • Secured Entrance
 • Gas Central Heating
 • Double Glazing
 • Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
 • Master Bedroom with En-Suite

£78,500



Caldmore Road, Walsall
 • Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Two Bedrooms
 • Bathroom with Shower
 • Allocated Parking

£78,000



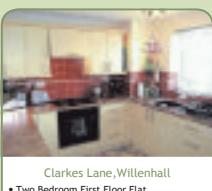
Chantry Avenue, Walsall
 • Three bedroom Semi-Detached
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Two Bedrooms
 • Bathroom with Shower
 • First Floor Bathroom

£75,000



School Lofts, Walsall
 • TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
 • Lounge/Dining Room
 • Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
 • Shower Room
 • Secure Allocated Parking

£75,000



Clarke's Lane, Willenhall
 • Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Utility Room
 • Two Bedrooms
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Family Bathroom

£67,000



Woodcroft Court, Leamore
 • Two bedroom ground floor apartment
 • Gated courtyard
 • Allocated parking space
 • Lounge
 • Fitted Kitchen
 • Shower room

£65,000



Fisher Road, Walsall
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 • Popular Location
 • Ideal Buy-To-Let or First Purchase
 • Off Road parking
 • Rear Garden
 • Gas central Heating

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- family Bathroom

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Field Road, Walsall
Guide Price £175,000

- Three bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Lobby
- Guest W.C.
- Three Bedrooms

SOLD
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Lichfield Road, Walsall
Offers in Excess of £168,000

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden

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Bealeys Close, Walsall
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- Two Bedroom Coach House
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom En Suite
- Bathroom

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Claverdon Close, Walsall
In the Region Of £140,000

- Immaculate Modern Semi-Detached
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Lichfield Road, Walsall
In the Region Of £134,950

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Guest WC
- Luxury Family Shower Room

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Dalby Road, Walsall
Offers in Excess of £125,000

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Guest W.C.
- Three Bedrooms
- Newly Fitted Family Bathroom

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Brownhills Road, Cannock
£125,000

- Beautifully Presented Semi-Detached
- Ideal First Purchase
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Superb Fitted Kitchen
- Luxurious Shower Room

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Lindon Road, Walsall
Offers in Excess of £120,000

- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Carport
- Off Road Parking
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen

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Poplar Avenue, Walsall
In the Region Of £110,000

- No UPWARD CHAIN
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUYERS
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- LARGE REAR GARDEN
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- LOUNGE

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Subject to Contract

Basalt Close, Walsall
In the Region Of £100,000

- Modern Two Storey House
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Moore Road, Walsall
Offers in Excess of £100,000

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Entrance hall
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility
- Family Bathroom

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Tewkesbury Road, Walsall
In the Region Of £99,950

- Well Presented Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Ground Floor WC

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Fourth Avenue, Walsall
In the Region Of £99,950

- Spacious Town House
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Ground Floor WC
- Three Generous Bedrooms

SOLD
Subject to Contract

High Street, Walsall
In the Region Of £94,995

- Two Bed Terrace
- Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- Utility/Storage Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating

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Subject to Contract

Hunter Crescent, Walsall
Offers in Excess of £90,000

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Green Lane, Leamore
Offers in excess of £90,000

- Mid-terraced
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Cellar
- Utility area
- Double glazing

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Subject to Contract

Holden Crescent, Walsall
In the Region Of £85,000

- Corner Plot Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom
- Attractive Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Kitchen/Diner

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Signal Grove, Walsall
In the Region Of £85,000

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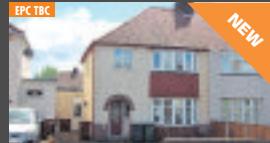


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• Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
• Three Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom, Drive
• Gas CH Majority D Glaz, Gardens, No Chain
£130,000



COPPIE FARM LOCHALSH GROVE
• Beautifully Maintained Detached Bungalow
• Spacious Lounge, Open Plan Breakfast Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Two Bedrooms, Shower Room



SEDGLEY
• Double Glazing
• Conservatory
• Driveway
• Garage, No Chain
£225,000



COUNTY BRIDGE DEVON ROAD
• Improved Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached
• Hall, Lounge, Excellent Dining Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms, Re-fitted Shower Room
• Garage, Driveway, Rear Gardens, No Chain
£125,950



BENTLEY ALEXANDER ROAD
• Excellent Size 3 Bed Semi Detached Property
• Occupying A Corner Position In Popular Area
• Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, Large Utility
• Bathroom, Front And Rear Gardens, No Chain
£125,000



COPPIE FARM COTSWOLD GROVE
• Much Improved 2 Bedrooms Mid Terrace Bungalow
• Development For Over 55's • No Chain
• Lounge, Newly Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
• Bathroom, D Glazing, Communal Gardens
£100,000



WILLENHALL CLOTHIER STREET
• Renovated 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
• Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom
• Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating System
• Rear Gardens, No Upward Chain
£110,000



WILLENHALL CLARKES LANE
• First Floor Two Bedrooms Apartment
• Hall, Lounge With Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
• Bathroom, Allocated Parking Space
• Double Glazing, Gas CH, No Upward Chain
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£280,000



ESSINGTON SWYNERTON DRIVE
• Beautifully Presented Detached • No Chain
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• Fitted Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms • Re-fitted Bathroom
• Garage, Driveway • Pleasant Gardens
£255,000



WILLENHALL POOL HAYES LANE
• Spacious Extended Detached No Upward Chain
• Through Lounge / Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen
• Sitting Room / Bed Room 4 • 3 Bedrooms
• Bathroom • Driveway • Rear Gardens
£165,000



NEW INVENTION ALBERT CLARKE DRIVE
• Impressive Much Improved Modern Semi Detached
• Hall, Lounge, Re-fitted Dining Kitchen
• Two Good Size Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom
• Garage, Drive, Excellent Front And Rear Gardens
£120,000



HADLEY HEATH PACKWOOD CLOSE
• Modern Town House Ideal For FTB Or Investors
• Lounge, Re-fitted Kitchen, One Double Bedroom
• Re-fitted Bathroom, Parking, Garden
• Gas Central Heating System, Double Glazing
£82,000



LANE HEAD HIGH ROAD
• Period Mid Terrace Property • No Chain
• Gas Central Heating System, Double Glazing
• Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms
• Shower Room And Rear Gardens
£75,000



WILLENHALL MILL LANE
• Detached 3 Bedroom Bungalow on Corner Plot
• Spacious Lounge • Kitchen • Luxury Bedroom
• Side Annex with Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Bedroom and En-Suite
£270,000



ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE
• Attractive Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached
• Extended Lounge • Conservatory
• Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen • Gas CH
• D Glaz • Large Driveway • Delightful Gardens
OFFERS OVER £230,000



COPPIE FARM ULLSWATER ROAD
• Attractive Four Bedroom Detached with No Chain
• Extended Lounge • Conservatory • Utility / WC
• Re-fitted Bathroom • En-Suite Shower Room
• Garage and Driveway • Pleasant Gardens
£229,995



WILLENHALL DURSLEY CLOSE
• Pleasantly Appointed 3 Bedroom Detached
• Gas Central Heating • Magnificent Double Glazing
• Conservatory • Double Length Garage
• Spacious Fitted Dining Kitchen • Bathroom
£150,000



WILLENHALL ALVINGTON CLOSE
• Improved 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
• Lounge with Dining Area • Re-fitted Kitchen
• Double Glazing • Gas CH
• Garage and Driveway • Pleasant Gardens
£139,950



COUNTY BRIDGE SOMERSET ROAD
• Well Presented Extended Semi Detached
• Through Lounge / Dining Room, Extended Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms, Excellent Re-fitted Bathroom
• Double Glaz, Gas CH, Driveway, Pleasant Gardens
£134,000



WILLENHALL WOLVERHAMPTON RD WEST
• Superb Modern Style 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
• Hall • Lounge • Dining Kitchen
• Re-fitted Bathroom • Double Glazing • Gas CH
• Two Allocated Parking Spaces
£125,000



SNEYD PARK DRUID PARK ROAD
• Well Appointed Semi Detached Property
• Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory
• Two Double Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garage, Driveway, Rear Gardens, No Chain
£125,000



WILLENHALL YALE ROAD
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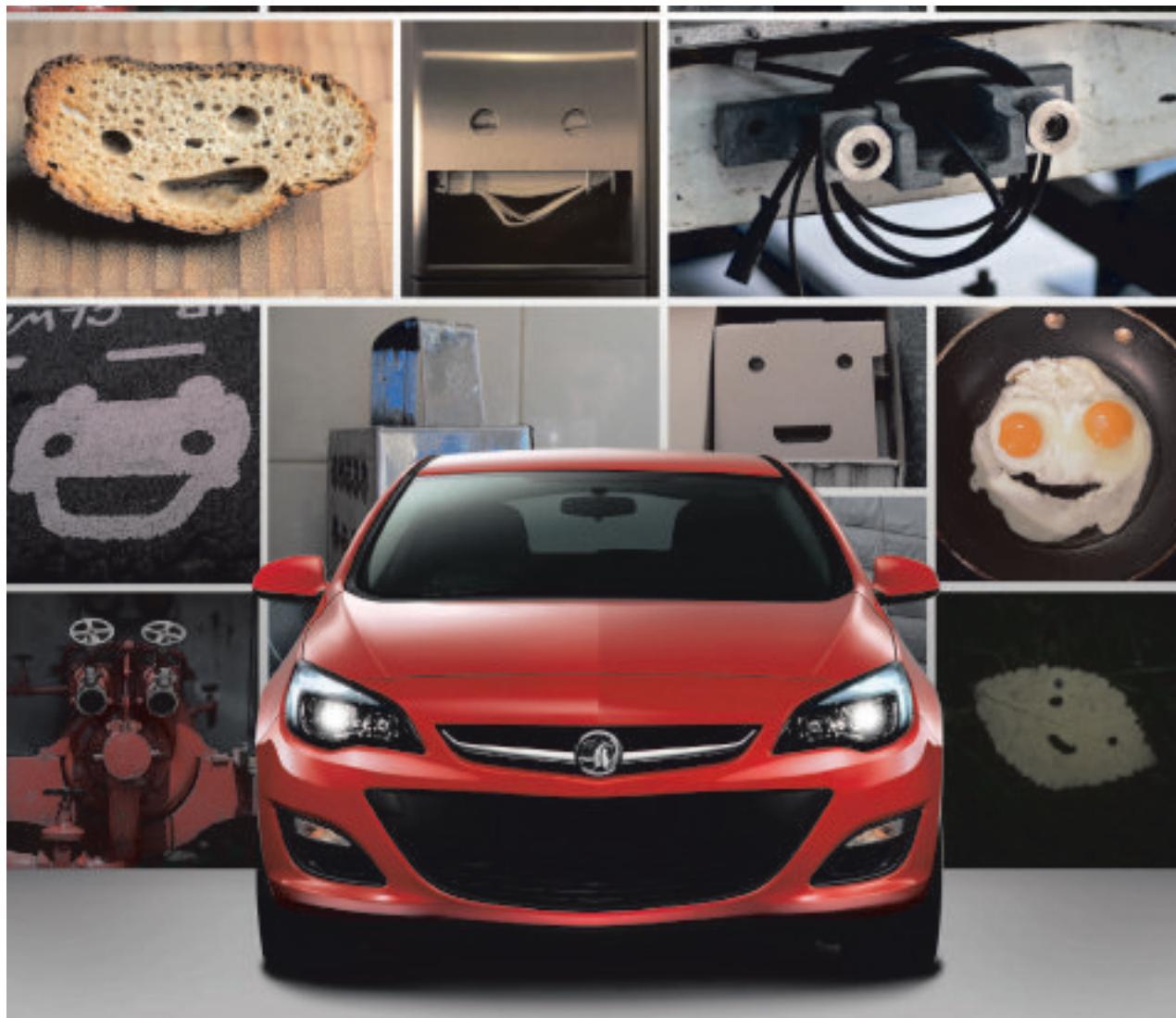
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Pretender flexing its muscles

By John Griffiths

'Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown,' according to Shakespeare's Henry IV and an odd way to start a car test, you might think.

But the sentiment could perhaps apply to the legendary Golf GTI, for so long synonymous with performance hatchbacks, now there's a young pretender flexing its considerable muscles.

It's the new, fourth generation Polo GTI: a smaller, lighter car now with its biggest, most powerful engine under the bonnet and quite capable of showing its big brother a clean pair of heels in the sprint.

At £18,850 the new car is competitively priced to thwart the ambitions of other manufacturers keen to get their hands on the hot hatchback crown by undercutting the Golf, with the likes of the Peugeot 208 GTi and the Ford Fiesta ST.

With its long experience of developing GTIs and new engine technology, it's hardly surprising that VW should produce a very good, scaled down version based on the latest Polo, which first appeared a little over six months ago.

The flagship Polo has a brand new engine increased in size from 1.4 to 1.8 litres which is based on the 2.0 litre turbocharged unit powering its Golf GTI stable mate. Power is up from 180 to 192PS but at least as important is the improvement in its torque delivery which has such an impact on the car's character and the driving experience.

For versions fitted with the seven-speed DSG dual clutch transmission, you get a whopping 250Nm of torque at just 1,250rpm, barely above tickover. That's one of the reasons while its 0 to 62mph sprint time of just 6.7 seconds not only beats a selection of rivals but also the Golf GTI itself.

But its about more than just being quick off the mark. The outright power plus all that low down torque means the this latest Polo GTI feels much more grown up, unruled and effortless to drive, just like its bigger brother.

Don't be deceived, though, by this mature veneer. There's still an awful lot of fun to be had with, when it comes to overtaking, a bit more pressure with the right foot will have you pressed back in the sports seat, around dawdling traffic and safely back on your side of the road as quickly as anything short of a very expensive supercar.

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The DSG transmission obviously adds to the price compared to the six-speed manual but to me it's worth it. It is so quick and seamless it complements both sides of the car's character: relaxed cruising or sportier driving. And you can use the up/down paddles behind the steering wheel if you want maximum control.

Despite its potential, the Polo GTI isn't a thirsty beast and in normal driving it shouldn't be too hard to return something like the official 47.1mpg average. If you're pushing a bit harder, though, the mid to high 30s are more likely.

Compared to other Polos, the GTI gets a sharpened up steering system and revised suspension which, while sportingly firm, gives better ride comfort than some of its rivals and reduces body roll in the corners.

It's a really rewarding car to drive, with a lot going on under the skin, such as the XDS+ system on the front axle. Borrowed from the Golf GTI, this complements the standard stability and traction control systems by compensating for the understeer (tendency to run wide) which is a feature of front-wheel drive cars approaching their cornering limits.

Along with this Polo's stiffer chassis and uprated suspension, it helps to give the car a very pleasantly neutral and precise feel through the twisty bits.

While the new Polo is a 'compact' GTI, it's roomier than you might think with plenty of space for four if not five in comfort. Remember that, like the rest of the new Polo family, it's actually significantly bigger than the first generation Golf.

It's equipped to the standards of a range flagship, too, with plenty of comfort and sporting touches.

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In terms of running costs, its CO₂ rating is 139g/km (VED band E, currently £130 per annum), with a 20 per cent BIK tax liability for company car drivers. The insurance group is 29E. It comes with a three year/60,000 mile warranty. While the DSG transmission costs more, it is slightly more economical with an official 50.4mpg, enough to lower its CO₂ rating to 129g/km and therefore reduce your tax bill, too.

It also has the full range of safety systems, from ABS and emergency brake control to an electronic diff lock and multiple airbags. There's also an automatic distance control.

The car has an impeccable pedigree and will certainly give competitors a run for their money. It's a car with something of a split personality: refined and mature for most of the time but instantly ready to put a big smile on your face, well worthy of a car in the top ranks of hot hatchbacks.

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Flanagan looking to stake his place in team

WALSALL hot-prospect Reece Flanagan is already looking forward to next season as he bids to hold down a regular place in Dean Smith's side.

The 20-year-old midfielder featured 18 times for the Saddlers throughout the 2014/15 campaign after working his way through the club's youth ranks.

Flanagan was amongst a group of players who yesterday reported for a "summer maintenance" training session as a the club's coaches look to monitor fitness levels during the break.

But Flanagan was delighted to be back at the training ground as he looks to give himself every chance of success next season.

"The experience of breaking into the team last season has whetted my appetite," he said.

"It's going to be a big season for me, but I am looking forward to it.

"The key is to have a good pre-season."

"It's important to start putting the work in now. I want to show I'm worthy of a starting place."

All Walsall's players have been given individual training programs to follow over the summer with each one attending a maintenance training session at some point in June.

"It's good to keep ticking over and I know the work we do now will help us be ready for the start of pre-season training," Flanagan said.

"The maintenance programme helps our general fitness levels and I have also been making regular visits to the gym.

"But it's good to also be able to come back to the club amongst the other lads."

Roberts signs on at Saddlers for extra year

PROMISING goalkeeper Liam Roberts has signed a one-year contract extension with Walsall.

The 20-year-old shot stopper impressed on loan with spells at Evo-Stik Northern Premier sides Rainworth Miners Welfare and Gresley last season.

And now the youth-team graduate has been given the chance to extend his stay at the Banks's by boss Dean Smith.

"I am pleased to sign this new deal and now I want to keep pushing on," said Roberts who signed his first professional contract with the club back in 2013.

"I needed to get that match experience last season and I feel that my performances whilst out on loan helped me to get this new contract.

"The gaffer monitored me closely and there were some good reports from my performances at Gresley in the second half of the season, which was nice."

Roberts was also full of praise for club goalkeeping coach Neil Cutler.

Spurs have got their eye on Benteke

TOTTENHAM could be set to fire the first shot in the bidding war for Villa striker Christian Benteke.

The 24-year-old Belgium frontman has been attracting interest from Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal with Chelsea possibly interested.

However, long-time admirers Spurs look set to be the first to test the water with a bid of around £20million – some way below the striker's Villa release clause which is set in the region of £32.5m.

Chelsea midfielder Eden Hazard, a Belgium team-mate and a close friend of Benteke, urged his boss Jose Mourinho to target the Villa man.

Hazard said: "If Christian signs with us, I would be the happiest man in the world."

Saddlers could pay for signings

WALSALL could make their first cash signing in 15 years this summer after chief executive Stefan Gamble confirmed Dean Smith can use his increased budget for fees.

The Saddlers boss has been handed total control of his transfer kitty for the 2015/16 season, giving him the power to spend the cash on fees or save it for increased wages.

While all new signings are a gamble, Saddlers fans have become so used to snapping up freebies that a new recruit who commanded a fee is sure to gain extra attention.

Walsall's last cash transfer came back in January 2006 when they snapped up James Constable from

Chippenham Town. The forward, who cost £4,000, had already scored two goals in six games during a loan spell with the Saddlers but struggled after making the move permanent.

Constable managed just one goal in 17 more games before leaving for Kidderminster. While Constable struggled, Walsall's last six-figure signing enjoyed huge success.

Little was known about Jorge Leitao when the Portuguese sensation was snapped up by the Saddlers for £150,000 in August 2000.

But after impressing in three trials, he scored 18 goals in his first season as Ray Graydon's men won promotion to the Championship.

The next year, Leitao netted the only goal in a 1-0 win at Sheffield United, a strike that saved Walsall from the drop. And in 2002/03, he formed a formidable pairing with Brazilian Jose Junior in a front line which scored 30 goals.

Of course, not every striker who signs for money hits the ground running, with Dale Banton struggling after joining for a nominal fee from York in 1988.

Banton was brought in to help replace David Kelly, who was sold to West Ham, but the forward made just 10 appearances, failing to score in the process.

But it is the record signing of Alan Buckley that still produces the biggest smile for Saddlers fans.

Stearman kept the skipper spot warm

IT was an honour to captain the team as a local lad – but Wolves' defender Richard Stearman insists he was just keeping the armband warm for Danny Bath.

Stearman stepped in for the final two games of the season as Wolves agonisingly missed out on a play-off place.

He took the captain's armband from injured Bath, who suffered a stress fracture of his left foot before the final two games against Wigan and Millwall.

Stearman has endured a rollercoaster few years at Molineux.

Despite his age Stearman has become one of the veterans of the Wolves dressing room and he told his team mates what a Wolverhampton man being Wolves captain meant.

And he admitted he relished the responsibility of leading out the team.

Stearman said: "It's something I thoroughly enjoy and I was very honoured to lead the boys out.

"I must stress I was only keeping it warm for Danny but it's a job I thrive upon.

"I said that to them – for someone who's from Wolverhampton as well, it's a big honour for myself and they repaid me with two good performances and two wins at the end of the season.

Incredible

"So I'm undefeated as captain but I'm keeping it warm for Danny for when he comes back fit and it was a great couple of weeks and an incredible couple of seasons."

Stearman has been linked with a move away from Molineux, with Fulham said to be lining up a surprise bid.

He has 12 months left on his current deal and Wolves will be keen to secure his signature this summer.

The double Wolves player of the year also issued a "come and get me" plea to Ireland as he opened up on his international ambitions.

At the end of the season he said he was at the 'peak' of what he'd achieved personally at Wolves.

Meanwhile departed chief talent-spotter Stuart Webber has explained his reasons behind swapping Wolves for Huddersfield Town.

He said: "At Wolves my role was solely focused on recruitment, right through from the first team to the academy.

"Here at Huddersfield there is of course a focus on recruitment and scouting."

Pics' Williams called up for country



Aaron Williams, right, with Pics vice-chairman Nick Allen, who flew out to watch the striker

WALSALL has a new international star, Rushall Olympic's hotshot Aaron Williams made his England C debut on Monday afternoon as Paul Fairclough's side beat Republic of Ireland Under-21s 2-1 in Galway.

The Pics' top scorer, who fired 28 goals last season to collect the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League golden boot, came off the bench with half an hour remaining and helped his country strike twice to seal the win.

And for the ex-Walsall protégé, it was very much a childhood ambition achieved.

He said: "It was such a fantastic experience, as a lad all you want to do is play football for your country."

"Despite the season I've had,

at no point did I expect a call-up like this, it was just so great that my hard work and success was rewarded. I couldn't fault the staff there in the slightest, they make it the absolute best experience and they make it as real as possible for the players."

"Everything is ready for us, come, bibs, everything – all you have to do is put your boots on."

Passing and possession is the key

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of the possession but then you lost 1-0. I remember talking to the gaffer about it earlier in the season and he said if you have 70 per cent of possession you're going to win more games than you lose.

"And that's been our theme. We've aimed to get to around the 400 passes mark in games, and tried to have 40 per cent of possession in the opposition half."

"I think that's the key – it's not possession for the sake of it but possession in constructive areas of the pitch."

Develop

"We want to be passing it in their half and the lads have really bought into it."

"They want to play the right way because they want to improve and develop."

"Asking them to lump it forward isn't going to develop them."

Edwards said possession had been one of the keys to the team's success in 2014/15.

It culminated in Edwards and Scott Sellars coaching the under-19s to victory in the Bitzer Cup in

Germany, beating Mexican side Chivas Guadalajara in the final.

And the two coaches will promote youngsters to a higher level, be it the under-21s or even the first team, if they're ready.

Edwards added: "Imagine if someone like Michael Owen or Wayne Rooney had been held back and not played, it might have affected them."

"If you're good enough, you're old enough and that's been shown this year with Scott playing some of the first years in the under-21s to give them that test."

"With the under-18s in particular, we've said if you're doing the business, you'll play."

"And that level of competition is right."

"When you get to the level of under-18s or under-21s, it's got to mirror the first team set-up as much as possible and that's to have that competition for places however old you are."

"That to me is the sort of return you want to see, the under-18s going in at that higher level and doing well. And it has to be their ambition."

"I've played a lot of first year scholars in the under-18s this season."

"You have to do that and pick the best team."

Mantom boosting fitness over summer

WALSALL midfielder Sam Mantom believes his summer fitness programme will allow him to hit the ground running when the new season kicks off.

The creative schemer, who missed the majority of the 2014/15 campaign with a knee injury, was amongst a group of players who attended a "summer maintenance" training session this week.

Mantom was joined by Reece Flanagan, Matt Preston, Jordan Murphy and James O'Connor at the two day boot-camp which has been designed by fitness coach Jon Whitney.

And the 23-year-old is making sure he follows every step of his pre-season program to ensure there is no repeat of the heartache he suffered last year.

"There were some dark days with the knee injury, days when I thought about giving up because I didn't know what was happening," Mantom said. "But it's all sorted now, I'm enjoying my training and can't wait for the season to start again." Everyone had two weeks off after the season ended, pretty much doing nothing to allow the body to recover.

"But now, because I missed a large chunk of the season, I'm doing my own private programme where I work on things that I need to."

As well as adding goals and assists to the Saddlers midfield, Mantom also hopes he can grow into a leader for Dean Smith's side next season.

"I spoke to the gaffer at the end of the season and it was interesting because we both felt I'd become more of a leader."

Wait and see what Villa can do, says Scott

WINGER Scott Sinclair believes Villa fans will see the true extent of their transformation under boss Tim Sherwood next season.

The former Tottenham manager has already gone on record to say he wants to rid the club of its "losing mentality" with Villa having battled relegation for the last four seasons.

Sherwood believes working with the players in the non-pressurised environment of pre-season will allow him to truly put his stamp on the club. And Sinclair can't wait to get started.

"When the gaffer came in, he put his stamp on things but at the same time he had to ensure we were winning matches to keep us in the Premier League," he said.

"Usually you have pre-season to get your ideas across but now he can work with us to prepare for the new season."

"Tim has been great since he's walked in the door. The first thing I noticed was that he upped the intensity of training. He definitely lifted things."

Hause is the hero and the villain of match

WOLVES defender Kortney Hause was both the hero and the villain as England's Under-20s failed to claim third place at Toulon Tournament.

The young Lions, managed by former Watford boss Aidy Boothroyd, also named fellow Wolves defender Dominic Iorfa in their starting line-up for the play-off clash with the USA.

But despite a spirited display, England eventually went down 2-1 after conceding two penalties, one either side of half-time.

The US, who named a side made up of players aged 23 or under, took the lead inside the first 10 minutes with Hause at fault as he gave away a penalty.

The 19-year-old tripped Jerome Kiesewetter in the box with Alonso Hernandez tucking home.

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Preston in new deal at Banks's

WALSALL'S highly-rated young defender Matt Preston has signed a new one-year deal at the Banks's Stadium.

Former youth team skipper Preston is now targeting a run in the first team after an appearance as substitute last term in a season that was interrupted by injury.

Preston, a centre-back who signed pro terms at Saddlers two years ago, is hoping to put his injury problems behind him.

"Now that things are sorted, I just want to concentrate on working hard and getting a nose in the team during pre-season," said the 20-year-old. "I'm feeling fit and strong and can't wait for pre-season training to start, to be honest."

"The maintenance programme that we have been following has been really beneficial and it was good to be able to come back into the club earlier this week to do some work with the rest of the lads for a couple of days."

"The sessions were really bright and there was that element of competition you don't get when you're working on your own as we pushed ourselves against each other."

"I certainly feel ready to hit the ground running when pre-season training starts and that's what it is all about at this stage."

Preston said his game has improved while he has been playing under boss Dean Smith.

"Having played in my position himself during his playing career, he has been a massive help," said the youngster.

"He's been there and done it and had a good career in the game, so I can only learn from that kind of knowledge."

Rams planning a double raid on Villa striker duo

DERBY County's new boss Paul Clement has confirmed he wants to sign Villa strikers Darren Bent and Andi Weimann.

Bent spent last season on loan with the Rams and Clement, who has replaced Steve McLaren as the coach of the Rams, wants to make the move permanent as part of a double-swoop involving Weimann.

At the moment record-signing Bent is available on a free transfer after his Villa contract expired and Weimann has one year left on the deal which he signed in June 2013.

Derby have been linked with the duo along with Reading defender Alex Pearce and Clement confirmed: "All those three options."

Meanwhile, Tom Cleverley has been called up to the England squad after Tottenham midfielder Ryan Mason withdrew because of suffering with a knee injury.

Mason misses the double-header against the Republic of Ireland and Slovenia so Cleverley, a free agent who was on loan from Manchester United to Villa, takes his place.

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Former players show old school style



A TEAM of former Walsall stars showed they've lost none of their flair in an entertaining match to raise funds for Walsall Ladies.

Former players including Paul Jones, Andy Reece and George Bowerman laced up their boots once more to take on the female Saddlers and their development side recently.

The ex-professionals played two 45-minute games, comprehensively beating the development XI 9-0 before going on to see off Walsall Ladies 4-2 in an entertaining encounter.

Other former Saddlers to play in the game included Tim Clarke, Tom Dass, Brian Palgrave,

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Mark Taylor, Tony Millard, Sean Geddes and Kriss Taylor.

"It was a very enjoyable event which raised quite a bit of money," said Walsall Ladies chairman Brian Simpson.

Walsall team. Back from left: Mick Evans, Martin Gethin, Brian Palgrave, Kris Taylor, Dave Danks (fan), Raajan Gill, Ryan Wood, George Bowerman, Tim Clarke. Front: Paul Atthey, Christian Evans (fan), Mark Taylor, Sean Geddes, Steve Gethin

Albion open talks over contracts

ALBION have opened the bidding in contract talks with Gareth McAuley and Claudio Yacob.

But transfer chief Richard Garlick has urged fans to stay calm in the wait for new faces at The Hawthorns.

Garlick insists many of the stories linking the club with players from around the world in recent days are "simply not true".

But he says the Baggies are working hard to revamp Tony Pulis' squad despite a possible takeover.

Garlick, the director of football administration, said: "This is the quietest month on the football calendar.

"We are being linked with, quite strongly in some cases, all manner of players from all corners of the globe and the stories are simply not true. What I can say is that we have spoken to the agents of Claudio and Gareth and we have now made our offers to them and I'm awaiting a response."

"The stories build an expectation of business which the fans feed on and I don't think that helps us in the long term."

"Tony has made it clear that he wants to shake things up so we are not resting on our laurels. But it is important for supporters to stay calm."

The Baggies have already tied down Yacob and goalkeeper Boaz Myhill for next season by activating one-year options in their contracts.

But they are keen to keep the pair for longer by agreeing new, extended deals. McAuley, meanwhile, is a free agent after his contract expired at the end of the 35-year-old and has instructed Garlick to try to keep him.

Summer deals will be key for Smith

DEAN Smith admits his summer transfer activity will be key to Walsall's hopes next season as he bids to attract more quality to the Banks's.

The Saddlers boss is working hard to mastermind a promotion charge as he seeks to end the club's eight year stay in League One.

Smith has been handed an increased budget for the 2015/16 campaign in the hope of bringing in the right players for a promotion tilt.

And the boss feels the surprising release of right-back Ben Purkiss – who featured 39 times for the Saddlers last season – shows he is ready to do what is needed to improve his squad.

New boy Kyle is ready to learn



New pro Kyle Rowley has signed his first professional contract with the Saddlers

PROMISING Walsall defender Kyle Rowley has vowed to learn from boss Dean Smith after signing his first professional contract.

The 18-year-old, who captained the Saddlers' youth side last season, has now put pen to paper on the professional deal offered to him at the end of the 2014/15 campaign.

A tough-tackling centre-back, Rowley was part of the team that won the Midland Youth Cup last season as well as the reserves side who claimed the Walsall Senior Cup.

And after watching videos of a young Smith during his playing days with Walsall, Leyton Orient and Sheffield Wednesday – Rowley believes he has the right mentor to help him

break into the first team. "It's great to finally sign my first professional contract but the real work begins now," he said. "I'll be looking to make a positive initial impression and show the coaching staff what I can do."

"It will be good working under the gaffer and (assistant boss) Richard O'Kelly. I want to give them confidence in me and take on board what they say."

"I've seen footage of the gaffer from his playing days and I can see a lot of myself in him with the way that he liked a tackle and was strong in the air."

"I can learn a lot from him. This is a great environment for young players to work in."

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